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## Centennial Evangelistic Crusade Plans Drafted



Pictured, left to right, are Dr. W. H. Knight, chairman of the Convention's committee on evangelism; Dr. Lawrence, Dr. Dodd, Dr. Holcomb, Secretary Burton of the Home Mission Board, and, standing, Dr. W. R. White.

By Joe W. Burton

Initial preparation for public and private evangelism aimed at bringing a million souls to Christ next year was made at a meeting in Shreveport of a special committee called together by Dr. M. E. Dodd, director of the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade of Southern Baptists.

Plans suggested by Dr. Dodd and approved by the group when put into effect will enlist every agency of Southern Baptists, in a twelve-months schedule of activities aimed at winning four times as many converts in the centennial year as the total membership of Southern Baptist churches when the Convention was organized in 1845.

Meeting with Dr. Dodd in First Baptist Church in Shreveport, which has released its pastor for a year to allow him to direct the movement, were Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board; Dr. W. H. Knight, chairman of the Convention's committee on evangelism; Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary, and Dr. W. R. White, editorial secretary, of the Sunday School Board; and Rev. Joe W. Burton, Home Board secretary of education.

"The special emphasis of the Crusade," said Dr. Dodd, "will be on personal work. Of course we will never give up the public ministry. We are reaching pretty well those who come to the services, but the lost simply do not come. Personal and pastoral evangelism must be the major emphasis if we are to win a million souls to Christ."

It was pointed out in the Shreveport conference that three committees reporting independently and without collaboration at the Southern Baptist Convention in May had recommended that evangelism be

made the major emphasis in the centennial year—the committee on evangelism, the Executive Committee, and the committee on post-war missions.

Acting on the recommendation of the Executive Committee the Convention charged the Home Mission Board with the responsibility of leading the movement, and in response to the Board's request Dr. Dodd accepted the leadership and his church assented thereto, voting unanimously not only to release him but to pay his salary.

A series of tracts prepared under Dr. Dodd's direction and at least three books will be issued for use in the Crusade.

It was proposed that the last day of the year, December 31, be one of contrition, confession, and consecration, ending with a watchnight dedication for the new year. In commenting on the fact that 1944 ends on Sunday, Dr. Dodd remarked that "God made the calendar for this thing."

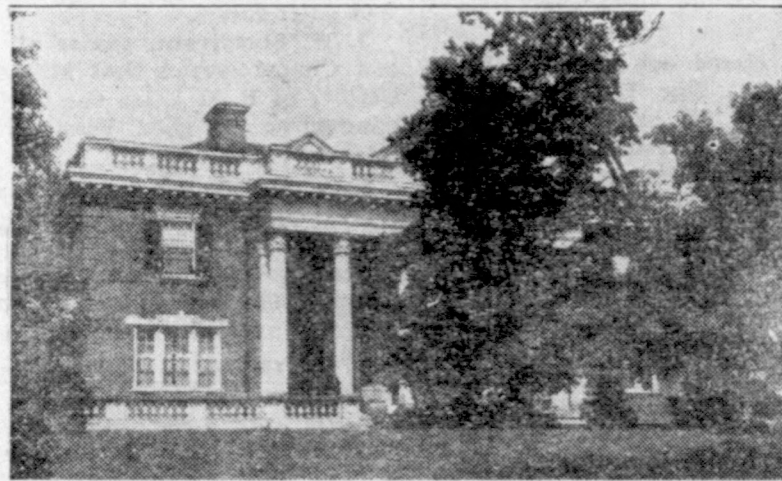
A southwide religious census—the first thing in Baptist history—was listed for January, to be conducted by the Sunday School Board and state forces, and to be followed by classes on soul-winning and evangelistic conferences.

At least one hundred city-wide campaigns is the aim for March and April. Meetings in full-time town and country churches are on the Crusade calendar for May and June, while the next three months is the

**IMPORTANT TO ASSOCIATION MODERATORS AND CLERKS!**

**WE HAVE MAILED OUT ALL ASSOCIATIONAL MATERIALS FOR 1944.—DAME.**

## Southern Baptist Theological Seminary



### SEELBACH HOME

This beautiful 20-room residence, erected in 1914 by the late hotel magnate Louis Seelbach at a cost of \$170,000, has been acquired by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and will be used by the seminary's Department of Church Music. Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president has announced.

The Seelbach home is adjacent to the Callahan residence which was donated to the seminary last year by V. V. Cooke, Louisville, as a music

conservatory. It will be known as Barnard Hall, a memorial to the late Ignatius Pigman and Elizabeth S. Clarkson, owners of the property at the time it was procured by the seminary.

The architecture of the Seelbach home is of the same type as that of the music hall, and the five-acre tract on which it is located is shaded by large beeches, blending in with the seminary campus proper. The new property increases the acreage of the music department campus to more than twelve acres.

## THE LITTLE BAPTIST

(By special permission of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., we present the third installment of The Little Baptist, by J. M. Martin. Follow it weekly.—The Editor.)

### INSTALLMENT NO. 3

Mellie felt that it was very unkind in the girls to tease her so for her honest expressions, yet she did not weep or pout, as many girls would have done. She thought as little about it as possible, and when the time came for reciting her lesson, she was not behind any in the class. When she returned home in the evening, she spent a short time playing with her dolls. After re-arranging some of their dresses, and putting all in order, she placed them snugly in a little box for their night's rest. Then she must go and see that the little ducks and chickens were fed and housed for the night; and after she had asked her mother many questions about the affairs of the kitchen, garden and various interests, she was ready to take her little sister Anna out for an evening walk.

By the time these rounds were through, her mind was pretty well rested from the labors of the day, and she was then ready to apply herself to the lessons that she must recite the next morning. She had at this time an unusually hard lesson, and her mind not being altogether free from the conflicts of the day, it was late before she was sure that her lesson was prepared, and she was

summoned to bed before she thought of putting by her books. When she went to kiss her mother "good-night" she said: "Mamma, I think the girls treated me very unkindly today; I would not have thought that they would have done so."

"Who, dear?"

"Why, Laura Thompson, and all the big girls; and all because I asked Mr. Hamilton something about the reading in the Bible."

And she gave an account of what had occurred over the New Testament lesson, and how the girls ridiculed her and called her "The Little Baptist." "But," said she, "I am not going to care for it, but will study hard and try to beat every one of them. I'll show them that if I am the least one in the class, I know how to do right; and I won't care for it."

Mrs. Brown, always proud of her daughter, felt flattered afresh by this additional evidence of Mellie's superiority. She spoke approvingly of her determination, and told her that the best way to treat mockers and tattlers was to live and act above the reach of their influence.

"But, mamma," said Mellie, "I think I have learned something from the Bible about the right way to treat the girls when they make fun of me. It teaches me to do good for evil."

"Yes," said Mrs. Brown, "and it says that you must forgive those that wrong you—or sin against you."

"Yes, it does, mamma; I've read it; (Continued on Page Five)

## Sparks & Splinters

**West Laurel:** There were 360 enrolled in our Vacation Bible school. O. F. Watts was principal and Pastor Gerald Riddell was general secretary. The following were department superintendents: Mary Lou Hulsey, Beginner; Mrs. Alvie Varner, Primary; Miss Corinne Griffin, Junior A; Mrs. O. F. Watts, Junior B, and Mrs. Bill Boutwell, Intermediate. There were 17 committees who worked with the faculty which helped us to have the best V. B. S. we have ever had.—Reporter.

We just closed our Vacation Bible school at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Wayne county. We had the best Bible school that I have ever had the privilege of working in. Mt. Zion is a half-time country church, and there is not a family that lives in walking distance of the church. Yet, we had ninety-seven enrolled and had an average attendance of eighty-eight. We have The Baptist Record in our budget and plan to keep it there.—Ivan Lowry, pastor.

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: Rev. T. W. Greene, Wesson; Rev. Harold C. Clower, Boyle; Rev. N. A. Edmonds, Shubuta; Rev. B. E. Phillips, Newhebron; Rev. J. N. Holloway, Bassfield; Rev. Solie I. Smith, Stonewall; Rev. J. G. Flynt, Terry; Rev. Chas. C. Jones, Mendenhall; Mrs. Watts, Florence; Rev. F. W. Toney, Dentville, and Rev. S. E. Nix, Laurel.

**Ashland Baptist Church:** We have just closed a good revival. There were 26 additions, 23 for baptism. C. J. Smyly, pastor of Lowrey Memorial church, Blue Mountain, was the evangelist, and Rev. W. A. Frye, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Venus, Texas, was the singer. Not only were the lost saved, but the members were greatly revived. Rev. C. H. Frye, Blue Mountain, is pastor of this fast-growing church.—Reporter.

**Pine Bluff church, Copiah county:** We have recently completed a good revival with R. P. Lamb, Briar, South Carolina, doing the preaching. Pastor F. W. Toney led the singing.—Reporter.

**Mt. Zion church, Pike Association,** reports several additions during their revival in which Hardee Kennedy of Tylertown did the preaching. The pastor, J. C. Wright of New Orleans, led the singing.

**Society Hill, Jaff Davis county:** A good revival with Rev. Jordan of Bunker Hill, assisting the pastor, M. Glenn Smith, was held recently. Rev. Vaughn of New Orleans conducted the singing. A Vacation Bible school was held not long ago. The workers proved efficient. More than \$50.00 worth of new library books have been donated to the church library, and also some used books.—Reporter.

**S. E. Nix of Laurel Rt. 5** has resigned the Bethlehem church in Jones county to accept the pastorate of the Pecan Grove church in the same county.

**Austin Crouch, Executive Secretary** of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention reports the July receipts for Mississippi to the Cooperative Program were \$14,178.48; designated funds \$4,125.91, or a total of \$18,304.39. Total Southwide receipts for the year to date are \$2,751,123.26; for 1943 to date \$2,535,905.58, or an increase of \$115,217.68 to all causes.

**Gray's Port Baptist Church** reports good attendance in their Sunday school and a new library in the Sunday school. Glen E. Wiley is supply pastor at present. Recently four generations of one family were present in the services.

**Van Winkle:** Mrs. S. M. Tisdale reports that Van Winkle church conducted two successful Vacation Bible schools. In the school for Beginners, Primaries and Juniors the enrollment was 105 and average attendance 94. The school for Intermediates was held at night and supper was served. The enrollment was 44, the average attendance was 39 and 37 had perfect attendance.

**J. W. Sturdivant, pastor at Morrison Chapel** writes that Miss Clarice Conner of B. B. I. led the workers in conducting a good Vacation Bible school.

**F. V. McFatrige** writes of a good revival and Vacation Bible school at Plantersville church. Mrs. Ruth Deaton served as principal of the school. The enrollment reached 58 and the average attendance was 45.

In the revival at Plantersville there were seven additions. C. R. Haire, minister of music and education, First church, New Albany, led the singing and the pastor, F. V. McFatrige, did the preaching.

Revival services were held recently at Ora church near Collins and Rock Hill church. J. W. Sturdivant did the preaching. Alex Abercromby is pastor at Ora and Reese Rogers of the Rock Hill church. A number of conversions were reported.

**Dr. Kyle M. Yates, pastor, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky,** will be the preacher on Columbia's Church of the Air Service, Sunday morning, August 27, 9 to 9:30 CWT.

An impressive ordination service for six deacons in the Rocky Creek church George county, was held recently. Visiting deacons and pastors from the churches in George county and also from neighboring towns participated in the ordination.

**Loyd T. Shelton** did the preaching during the revival in the Tocowa Baptist Church of which he is the pastor.

**Oscar Robertson of Clinton** was principal of the Vacation Bible school at Charleston, Tallahatchie county. David T. Cranford is the pastor. The average attendance of the school was 106.

**Blue Mountain, Miss.—William H. Anderson,** editor of The Southern Sentinel, Ripley, made the address at the August convocation of Blue Mountain College recently. President Lawrence T. Lowrey presented diplomas to the seven graduates who received the Bachelor of Arts degree, bringing the number of graduates for the year to forty-seven. Mr. Anderson stressed education as "an effective force in advancing the frontiers of civilization." He further said that women, instead of holding themselves aloof from politics, should use the privilege of franchise and exercise their influence to elevate the standards of government. Those receiving degrees are Grace Evelyn Burch, Fulton; Bonnie Lou Finnie, Courtland; Dorothy Britt Flowers, Terry; Zenona Faust Harris, Paris, Tenn.; Marguerite Mallette, Hollandale; Geraldine Stockstill, Picayune; Nell Eugenia Whiteside, Gunnison.

**J. P. Kirkland, pastor at Walnut, Miss.,** visited in Louisville, Ky., for a few days recently.

Nine were added to the Pilgrim's Rest church in Copiah county during the meeting in which R. A. Morris of Newton did the preaching. L. C. Hoff is pastor.

Two professions of faith were made during the revival at Bethel Baptist Church, Chickasaw county. Loyd T. Shelton assisted Pastor L. E. Calder. This is the fourth revival in which Bro. Shelton has done the preaching for Bethel.

**Pastor David T. Cranford** of Charleston was assisted in two revivals by his father, Jack Cranford, Sr. The meetings were at Friendship No. 1 and Corinth, both in Tallahatchie county. Five came for baptism at Friendship and six in the Corinth meeting.

**Chicago—(RNS)—**Returning service men should be given the opportunity to teach boys in the church school, Chaplain James V. Claypool (Captain, USNR) suggested at the annual meeting of the Methodist Board of Lay Activities here. The war veterans could be trained for this "strategic" service by the pastors, he added. "Placing service men as church school teachers will develop the service men as well as hold boys who are now drifting away from the church's educational program," Chaplain Claypool emphasized. "The men will have something deep and genuine to contribute to boys, and will be admirably fitted to hold the interest and loyalty of youth."

Twenty-five were enrolled in the Vacation school at Pharsalia church. The average attendance was 20. The pastor, Loyd T. Shelton was assisted by Mrs. C. M. Tyler in the school.

**Winona Lake, Ind.—(RNS)—**More than 370 religious services are scheduled here during August, at which 110 speakers will be heard, to celebrate the golden jubilee of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly and the silver jubilee of the Winona Lake School of Theology. In addition, there will be 22 denominational rallies throughout the month.

**Youngstown, Ohio—(RNS)—**Mayor Ralph W. O'Neill of Youngstown has prepared a proclamation asking that the day of Allied victory over Germany be marked "in a solemn manner," and urging all citizens "to gather in their respective churches and synagogues or nearby places of worship to give thanks unto God for the blessing of the coming of this day." A similar plea has been issued by the Federated Churches here.

**The Lilly Myrick Library** of Southside church, which will be two years old on Oct. 11 was dedicated in August. A goal of 200 books by October has been set. The gift of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Myrick made it possible for the church to start this library.—Mrs. Mae Vaughn, reporter.

**Pastor N. H. Roberts of McCarley** was assisted by C. B. Hamlet, III, in a revival during July. The high point of the meeting was when 14 said they would allow the Holy Spirit to be their guide.

**H. B. Speights** has resigned the work at Silver Creek and Arm churches, Lawrence county, and Hepzibah and Oak Grove churches, Jeff Davis county, in order to accept the pastorate of Tate Street Baptist Church, Corinth. The Tate Street church has the EVERY FAMILY Plan. A revival began on the 13.

**Sunday school** has been organized at Clear Creek, Smith county, with 39 members. A new building is also being completed. Henry Joe Bennett is pastor.

**The Crowder Baptist Church** had a good revival in which there were 13 professions of faith and 12 other additions to the church. Pastor Loyd T. Shelton did the preaching and C. M. Tyler of Ludlow conducted the music.

**The Pastor of Good Hope church,** Charles Tyler, was assisted by Loyd T. Shelton, of Crowder. There were two additions by letter.

**The New Home church near Ludlow** of which Bro. W. C. Wall is pastor, had a good revival in which O. O. Bryan did the preaching.

**Luther J. Holcomb of Washington, D. C.,** was with Pastor G. Kearnie Keegan and First church, Longview, Texas, in special services during the first half of July.

**L. H. Tapscott, director of Training Union of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas,** writes us that as a memorial tribute to their beloved pastor, Dr. George W. Truett, the Training Unions of the church are distributing copies of the 42-page booklet, "Baptists and Religious Liberty," containing the sermon preached by Dr. Truett on the capitol steps in Washington, D. C. Individuals who wish free copies may send their requests to The Training Union, First Baptist Church, Dallas 1, Texas, enclosing a stamp or self-addressed envelope.

**The Harmony church, Clarke Association,** reports a good meeting with three coming for baptism. The preaching was done by C. Z. Holland of Canton and the pastor, C. E. Dearman, led the singing. The pastor's daughter played the piano.—G. H. Scott, reporter.

**Clovis A. Brantley, superintendent** of the Baptist Rescue Mission, New Orleans, preached in the recent revival at County Line, Copiah county. The spirit was fine and there were eight additions by baptism, reports L. C. Hoff, pastor.

**Waxhaw church, Bolivar county:** J. W. Sturdivant did the preaching during the recent revival in which Pastor Robert Martin conducted the singing. Several were added to the church and a good spirit prevailed.—Reporter.

**London—(By Wireless)—(RNS)—**A bomb-damaged barn at a Normandy air base has been rebuilt and converted into a chapel by British fliers attached to the Second Tactical Air Force. A new thatched roof was added to the building and empty ammunition cases were used for other repairs. The church is equipped with an altar and pews, and when not used for services is converted into a reading and writing room by curtaining off the altar.

**Friends of Rev. J. L. Moye,** superintendent of Home Mission work among the Spanish-speaking peoples of the Southwest, will regret to learn that he is confined to his home by an illness of several months duration. Though somewhat improved, Mr. Moye is still unable to travel and will not be able to attend the Home Mission Conference at Ridgecrest in August.

**Dr. T. D. Brown of Hattiesburg** is to preach during the revival at the Lumberton church which will begin on August 27. The pastor, Virgil Ratcliff, will conduct the music.—Herbert Batson, publicity chairman.

**W. Cleveland Brown, born August 15, 1888,** died August 3, 1944, was the first superintendent of the Sunday school of Bolton Baptist Church. There were 24 enrolled when the school was organized and 74 when Brother Brown passed away.

# NEWS and VIEWS

By D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary-Treasurer,  
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## INFORMATION PLEASE

Word has been received of the organization of a Missionary Baptist Church at Mount Comfort. Rev. L. F. Haire of Bruce, Rev. R. L. Harville, and others helped in the organization.

The name and address of the pastor were not given, neither the county nor the association to which the church belongs. Will someone please give us this information?

## I PUBLICITY FOR THE REVIVAL By G. E. Wiley

"The revival publicity should start weeks, if not months, before the date of the meeting. As the meeting will be the greatest single spiritual effort of the year, the church activities naturally will be built around it. Publicity will have two purposes. One will be to build the congregation into a frame of mind for great spiritual effort. The other will be the selling of the evangelist and the dates and purposes of the meeting.

### Developing the Spiritual Life

The means of doing this are usually confined to:

1. Devotional and evangelistic preaching.
2. Organization of sectional prayer meetings.
3. Creating of prayer lists and prayer band.
4. Distribution of devotional and evangelistic literature.

Each of these methods depends more or less upon publicity methods. The preacher does not need to be told how to build devotional sermons. These are effective publicity for creating the right atmosphere. Sectional or cottage prayer meetings should have early consideration. It is well to have the town laid out in districts and then ask individuals to open their homes for the meetings. This gives a system and thoroughness which cannot be secured by waiting for volunteers.

In addition to the notices from the pulpit and through the church bulletin it is well to have a card mailed to every home in the church, giving the date and hour of its section prayer meeting. Here is a form which may be printed and then filled with the details:

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI

A home prayer meeting for the members of our church in your district will be held in the home of \_\_\_\_\_  
I hope that you will make a special effort to be present and take part.

Remember the dates of the revival: January 20 to February 4.

At the meetings, cards can be distributed for the compilation of prayer lists. It is well that these cards be prepared in duplicate, one to go to the pastor. A card should be prepared to have the names in good order.

Sunday school teachers should be informed well in advance of the dates of the meetings, and they should continually stress, in their classes, the need of definite decision for Jesus Christ. It is well to supplement the teacher's lesson helps with items dealing definitely with the spiritual life. Courses in church membership responsibilities might be used in addition or in place of the regular lessons for a number of weeks.

### The Revival and the Evangelist

The evangelist will plan to send the church in advance of the meeting sufficient material about himself, that advance notices may be prepared. If he is a man of publicity skill, he will do more than that. The releases will be all prepared and sent in mimeographed or typewritten form, ready for release. He will also send to the church photographs of himself and his workers. The half-tone cuts will be of service in the preparation of write-ups for the church bulletin or special card announcements of the services; the photographs will be of service to the local newspaper that will be interested in the meeting. The church bulletin, weeks before, will begin to feature the evangelist, his helpers, and the results of their meetings in other cities. If possible to secure the data, a very effective way to get results in publicity is to keep in touch with meetings and to fill the releases with information of his latest successes. As a rule, it will be possible to get more or less space for this publicity without cost.

As the meetings come near, it may be well to buy some advertising space in the local papers. This is effective. But it also compensates, to a degree, the paper for the news space it has given and will give in the next few weeks.

Window cards should be prepared for the business places, hand-bills may be distributed throughout the community, and a circular announcing the opening meeting and topics should be sent by mail to every member of the church. Often times churches string great banners in front of the church bearing an announcement. And more than once a clinching point has been made by having a great parade of the Sunday school and members of the church on Sunday afternoon just before the meeting opens. There is hardly any more inspiring sight than such a parade headed by the little folk and followed in turn by the adults of the church and Sunday school.

If the church has a bulletin board, it can be used to carry each day some appealing scripture verse. Here are some which have been used:

"Choose you this day whom ye will serve." (Joshua 24:15.)

"Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." (Prov. 27:1.)

"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is

near." (Isa. 55:6).

"Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee." (Luke 12:20.)

"Ye cannot serve God and mammon." (Matt. 6:24.)

"Will a man rob God?"

"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28.)

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

G. E. Wiley, Pastor  
Grenada, Mississippi

Loyal Fellow Worker:

On receiving this, please start a T-A-G club. T-A-G stands for Tell About Going. Going where? To the Evangelistic meeting beginning next Tuesday. Please telephone, not later than Saturday, five persons about these meetings, asking each one to call up five others and making URGENT REQUEST not to break the chain.

We are relying on you!

Sincerely yours,

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE."

## II

### TEN WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHURCH

1. Never miss a service on your own account, and always try to be on time.
2. Enter heartily into the worship of song, prayer, and praise.
3. Don't find fault if people are not sociable but be sure you greet everyone you pass and speak cordially to all you meet.
4. Don't seek a place of prominence, or get mad if you are not promoted, but accept cheerfully the place offered you and work faithfully to fulfill your duty.
5. If things don't suit you don't knock, but enter in and try to reform them.
6. If you are pleased with the minister's message, or the music, tell the minister or the choir leader, and by all means tell others who were not there.
7. Always cooperate with any forward movement attempted and never oppose a movement merely because it is new.
8. Speak to the unsaved at every opportunity about the Christian life, but remember that what you are speaks louder than what you say.
9. If someone accuses you of wanting to run the church, go on about your Christian duty. Remember you are the servant of God, and that Satan uses every means possible to mar your influence.
10. Never go with the crowd except when the crowd goes right.

—The Word and Way.

## IV

### THE BUSINESS OF BELIEVERS

By J. O. Williams

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.—Mark 16:15.

1. The Persons of This Mission, "Go ye."
2. The Place of This Mission, "Into all the world."
3. The Purpose of This Mission, "Preach the Gospel."
4. The People of This Mission, "To every creature."
5. The Progress of This Mission.

### The Crucifixion

There they crucified him.—Luke 23:33.

1. The Place of the Crucifixion was Calvary—"There."
2. The People of the Crucifixion were Cruel—"They."
3. The Pain of the Crucifixion was Cutting—"Crucified."
4. The Person of the Crucifixion was Christ—"Him."
5. The Purpose of the Crucifixion.

### The New Birth

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.—John 3:3.

1. The Necessity of the New Birth is Expressed—"Ye must be born again."
2. The Nature of the New Birth is Explained—"The wind bloweth where it listeth."
3. The Author of the New Birth is Announced—"That which is born of the Spirit is Spirit."
4. The Possibility of the New Birth is Experienced.

### From Sin to Salvation

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.—Isaiah 55:7.

1. The Soul Must Recognize Sin.
3. The Soul Must Repent of Sin—"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts."
3. The Soul Must Return Unto the Lord—"And let him return unto the Lord."
4. The Soul Must Receive the Mercy of the Lord—"He will have mercy upon him."
5. The Soul Will Rejoice in Pardon—"He will abundantly pardon."

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### TODAY

If ever Mississippi Baptists  
needed to stress soul-winning it is  
now. Our boys are fighting on  
every front. Some of them will  
never come back. Hatred runs  
rampant. Worldliness grows  
daily. Every foe of that which  
is good seems more powerful. It  
is harder now than ever before to  
turn our people's hearts from  
their loved ones over there to the  
souls of lost ones over here.

Pastors all over the state should  
survey their territory (their ter-  
ritory reaches in all directions to  
the next church territory) and  
plan for meetings in churches,  
school houses and brush arbors  
that will put every person within  
their territory in easy reach of a  
meeting.

Plans should be made to enlist  
large numbers of our people in  
personal work. Preaching alone  
is not enough. Personally we  
would rather have a little preach-  
ing and much personal work than  
much preaching and little per-  
sonal work.

Special efforts should be made  
to get unsaved people into the  
revival meeting. The unheard  
sermon does little good. Trucks  
can aid. Most cars have room for  
one or more in addition to the  
usual passengers.

Not every sinner will go just  
because he is invited but some  
will. We were recently in a ser-  
vice and upon seeing a person in  
the audience that was notorious  
for worldliness we asked a friend  
about it. He replied, "Two of us  
went to his place of business yes-  
terday and invited him and he  
came. The more sinners we in-  
vite the more sinners we will  
have."

We should not wait until 1945  
and our Centennial year to stress  
evangelism. "Today is the day of  
salvation." Many people now  
living will be dead before 1945 ar-

rives. Let's try to win all we can  
in 1944 and try even harder in  
1945.

### BR WHY?

Both the Republican and Demo-  
cratic National Conventions, held in  
Chicago, were opened with invoca-  
tions by distinguished Catholic  
priests. Why both major political  
parties called on priests for this ser-  
vice may be only a coincidence; and  
then it may NOT be a coincidence.

While in other respects both party  
conventions extolled the "American  
way of life," in their selection of men  
to offer opening prayers they gave  
tribute to a religious organization  
that has little or nothing in common  
with that "way of life."—Baptist  
Message.

Does this mean that this  
minority religious group has a  
monopoly on those capable of  
offering prayer? Or was it a  
bid for the Catholic vote? Or  
what?

### BR READER SUGGESTS MORE PRAYER

In writing about the results of  
the incident regarding rationing  
for The Baptist Record we stated  
that "prayer pays." We are in  
receipt of a letter commenting on  
that discussion and suggesting  
some more needs for prayer. We  
quote from the letter:

"I think it was a wonderful article.  
You gave the proof, very simply.  
I believe that every real Christian  
believes in prayer. If we are satis-  
fied it worked in this case, why not  
try another call for prayer? God  
says, 'Ask and it shall be given.' I  
know it can be done if there is as  
much effort put behind it as behind  
this call. Why not cooperate with  
Sam Morris? Let us: 'Ask God to  
direct the leaders of our nation and  
remove beer, wine and whiskey from  
around the army camps and service  
boys. Direct this terrible conflict  
and if it pleases God, bring peace  
with our nation and bring our boys  
home soon. The effort of The Bap-  
tist Record was worth while. But  
which cause do you think would  
please God most? Please forgive me  
if my view is wrong."

—"Just a Reader."

The writer's only son is among  
the service men. His prayer has  
long been, and always is, that  
alcoholic beverages and all other  
temptations be removed from all  
men's sons. The call to prayer  
went out long ago, and is being  
made by multitudes of people.  
But as long as people pray that  
these things be removed and elect  
men to office who will not let  
them be removed, we believe God  
will let them remain. Our prayer  
for The Baptist Record was "that  
the good word might be spread  
far and wide to extend His King-  
dom, and not for our own happi-  
ness and peace." The first part  
of the model prayer is, "Thy  
Kingdom Come." (Matt. 6:9.) In  
praying God for anything, let us  
search our hearts and see if OUR  
FIRST desire in receiving it is that  
"His Kingdom Come." If that is  
not truly our first desire, can we  
ask, and hope to receive? If any-

thing is asked for the sake of  
God's kingdom, we may expect  
the answer—but only in the way  
that God prefers to answer it. We  
cannot dictate the manner, or the  
time. It is ours to ask and "seek  
His face, turn from our wicked  
ways," and be interested first of  
all in hallowing His Name and  
bringing His kingdom in. We  
must recall that God allowed the  
early believers to be driven out  
from home to far countries. They  
went "preaching the gospel."  
God's people are to be interested  
primarily in His kingdom, even in  
praying for their families. The  
reason is found in John 3:16.

### BR A GOOD IDEA

In a recent issue of the Protest-  
ant Voice, Richard H. Ott of Ang-  
win, California, made a sugges-  
tion that we wish to pass on to  
our readers. We regret that  
space limitations prevent using  
all his letter.

He suggests that we fight fire  
with fire. As the liquor crowd  
uses various forms of advertising,  
he would have temperance peo-  
ple do likewise.

Says Mr. Ott:

What, in my humble opinion,  
should be done to combat them is  
to use the same weapons the liquor  
companies use. On thousands of bill-  
boards all over the country should  
be indictments of liquor and tobacco  
as poisons, saboteurs and enemies.

Dozens of top-notch athletes, such  
as Gene Tunney, Amos T. Stagg, etc.,  
would undoubtedly give free testi-  
monials. Advertising could in time  
make it seem popular NOT to smoke  
and drink. The people will never be  
temperate by forcing them to ab-  
stain. They must be educated to  
abstain, even as they have been for  
so long educated to drink and smoke.  
... I don't believe two-thirds of the  
people in American have ever been  
exposed to the truth with regard to  
liquor and tobacco. They don't know  
that it's responsible for arterias-  
clerosis, heart trouble, insanity,  
Bright's disease and diseased livers.  
... Americans don't know that more  
Americans have died from drunken  
driving accidents than for the guns,  
shells and poison gas of the Kaiser  
and Hitler combined.

What more logical scheme could  
there be than to use the very means  
employed so successfully by the booze  
and weed men?

### BR CLERGYMAN HEADS RAID ON SLOT MACHINES

Santa Ana, Calif.—(RNS)—Led by  
the Rev. Wesley G. Edwards, pastor  
of the Free Methodist Church here,  
a committee of local citizens raided  
slot machines being operated in vio-  
lation of the law, and seized gam-  
bling equipment valued at an esti-  
mated \$15,000.

The clergyman and his committee  
declared they were "serving notice on  
the gambling interests that their  
reign in this county is over."

Mr. Edwards reported that his  
committee, which includes men with  
deputy sheriff's badges, had located  
more than 100 gambling machines  
that are being operated illegally in  
the county, which adjoins the met-  
ropolitan area of Los Angeles.

## Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we  
consider one of the best editorials  
coming to our attention.—Editor.

### AN EMBARRASSING SPOT?

Many churches have cut the salaries  
of their pastors—through inaction.  
This is a shocking revelation in view  
of the generally higher incomes of  
church members.

Actually, failure to raise salaries  
has the effect of giving your pastor a  
cut. We urge our lay readers to con-  
sider that the earning power of most  
church congregations has risen from  
20 to 60 per cent while living costs  
have soared proportionately.

Yet in many instances the preach-  
er's pay remains the same. As a lay-  
man we commend to our fellow  
churchmen the wisdom of taking im-  
mediate action to adjust the pastor's  
compensation. Postponement of this  
matter, unless his salary be already  
adequate, is sure to leave your pastor  
in an embarrassing—perhaps even in  
a harassing—spot.—The Protestant  
Voice.

### BR LEAKESVILLE GOES FULL TIME

We feel sure that Baptists of Mis-  
sissippi will be glad to know that  
the Leakesville Baptist Church goes  
to full time the first Sunday in Sep-  
tember. This is only one of the  
many forward moves this church has  
made in its history.

This has been a very progressive  
and encouraging year. Aside from  
many fine physical improvements,  
such as redecorating the auditorium,  
adding Sunday school rooms and  
making improvements in the parson-  
age, they had their spring revival with  
gratifying results. Rev. H. W. Shir-  
ley, Carthage, did the preaching. A  
number of the Y. W. A. girls with  
Mrs. M. E. Perry as leader, attended  
the Y. W. A. camp at Clarke College.  
Three of our women will attend the  
Southern Baptist W. M. U. Conven-  
tion in Oklahoma City. Three new  
deacons have been approved by the  
church and now await ordination. A  
large number of Russian Kits were  
packed. Contributions have been  
made to the Orphanage, the Now  
Club and other state and southwide  
objects. Our Sunday school, led by  
Deacon M. F. Hicks, has beat the  
summer slump and only once in a  
number of weeks have we dropped  
under 100 in attendance, and the  
BTU is holding its own under the  
leadership of Harvey Gill. Nearly 30  
candidates have been baptized.

Plans are now being laid for or-  
ganizing more Sunday school classes,  
a Brotherhood and choirs. A school  
for deacons will be conducted soon,  
as well as schools for leaders of the  
Sunday school and B. T. U., and a  
fall School of Missions will be held.  
Incidentally, we have The Baptist  
Record going to each church family.

Gratifying results are seen from  
the work done in our association.

Next fifth Sunday we meet at In-  
dian Hill church. A Greene county  
Baptist retreat is to be held at Jona-  
than on Sept. 23rd, with E. C. Wil-  
liams, Auber J. Wilds and D. A. Mc-  
Call adding much to our program.  
Rev. Aubrey Smith and Rev. E. N.  
Ball are of great assistance in the  
county-wide programs.—M. E. Perry,  
pastor.

## THE LITTLE BAPTIST

(Continued from Page One)

and it says if we don't forgive those who trespass against us, our Heavenly Father will not forgive us. Then I'll forgive the girls, for you know I must do whatever my Bible tells me to do. That's right, isn't it, mamma?"

Mellie scarcely heard her mother's approving answer, for she had hardly finished the sentence until she was quietly sleeping, and did not awake until the light of another day came peeping in at her window. Rising quickly and dressing, she hurried out to release the ducks and chickens from the little prisons to which she had consigned them for the night; then she paid a visit to her box of dolls to see that no old rat had intruded on her interesting little family; next a romp over the house with little Anna and the kittens, and she was ready to go about preparing her toilet for breakfast. After breakfast her lesson must be reviewed, then she was off to school.

Arriving at the school-house, she found many of her class in advance of her, and this morning the teacher was unusually late. Mellie was greeted on all sides by the girls with "Good-morning, Little Baptist." "How do you do, Little Baptist?" and "I hope the Little Baptist is well this morning" to all of which she returned a pleasant "Good-morning," and walking to her desk, quietly deposited her books. She then said: "How have you succeeded with that hard lesson—I suppose, though, you are all ready to recite, as you appear to be idle."

"We don't look for you to have a good lesson this morning, Mell," said Katy Jones, "for we know you have not studied it; you've been reading that Baptist Bible. But, of course, Mr. Hamilton will excuse you, under the circumstances."

"Yes, of course," said Laura Thompson, "Mr. Hamilton will excuse her for anything, as she's his little pet." Turning to Nannie Gordon she said: "I do believe that Mr. Hamilton thinks that Mell is a little piece of perfection, and I shall not be surprised if he makes her an assistant teacher in the school before long. You can all see that whatever she does is exactly right; and then, she knows it all—all that is worth knowing."

"A pretty assistant teacher she would make," said Nelly Perkins; "now wouldn't she cut a figure explaining that Bible?"

"I rather guess," said Alice Green, "that she would be better on asking questions, than in giving explanations."

"Yes, the little inquisitive Miss," said Mollie Turner; "she is a very nice size for an interrogation point, and that's the use I'd put her to, if I were Mr. Hamilton. I would put her up somewhere in the house as a sign of inquisitiveness."

The teacher entered, and the young ladies were forced to retire from the attack, mortified, too, because they had failed to stir up resentment, or cause her to speak a single word in retaliation. The girls had exhibited a spirit that could only have been the offspring of envy and jealousy, which had been engendered because Mellie had outstripped them all in gaining the respect and attention of the teacher. Mellie felt that it was no fault of hers that her teacher had treated her with more attention than he had extended to others, therefore she disregarded their taunts and jeers, and went about her lessons

with perfect self-possession.

Several days passed during which the girls tried every means to vex Mellie into resentment. Whenever they could catch her eye they would point their fingers, or make ugly mouths at her, or do something else to try to aggravate her. But all to no purpose. Sometimes she would say to them:

"Be you to others kind and true,  
As you would have them be to you."

This, with other kind replies, the sentiment, if not the language of which she had read in her Bible, gratified all the spirit of revenge she felt.

One day Laura Thompson tried to persuade Mellie to take Sallie Morgan's apples from her basket, when Mellie, with much surprise, exclaimed, "Laura! do you think that I would do such a thing as that? I know better than to steal apples. Do you think to make me believe that it would be no harm, when the Bible says, 'Thou shalt not steal'?"

"Pshaw," said Laura; "that's nothing, just to take a few apples—nobody will know it."

"God would know it," said Mellie, "and if He did not, I'd be ashamed to see myself do such a thing. I don't need Sallie Morgan's apples, but if I did, I would go and ask her for them, like anybody ought to do."

## CHAPTER V

## Doing Good For Evil

One morning Mr. Hamilton opened school by reading the twelfth chapter of Romans. During the reading Mellie marked several places she desired to have explained, but she preserved silence until the last verse was read: "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good," when she asked Mr. Hamilton to explain it, saying: "Mamma talked to me once about doing good for evil, and about forgiving persons who offended; and I read in my Bible that God said, if we forgive not each other's trespasses He will not forgive us when we sin against Him. I think this is the meaning of it, and I thought that this text might mean that by being good to others we could make them better."

Although reserved in giving opinions on any subject that might have sectarian bearing, in this instance Mr. Hamilton felt no such restraints. He was indeed, glad of the opportunity of enforcing this text on the minds of his pupils. So, after giving his sanction to Mellie's conclusions, he addressed the school as follows:

"We can have no stronger evidence of a firm and well founded Christian principle in a person than to see them capable of forgiving injuries and returning good for evil. The Saviour taught us to love our enemies; do good to them that hate us, and pray for them that despitefully use us, that we may be the children of our Father in heaven, who maketh His sun to shine on the evil and good, and sendeth the rain on the just and on the unjust. He tells us to be perfect, even as our Father in heaven is perfect. Paul tells us to let love be without dissimulation, that is without false pretension or hypocrisy; to abhor that which is evil and cleave to that which is good; to be kindly affectioned one toward another. Again, he says, bless them that persecute you: bless, and curse not, for vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore we

should never return evil for evil, but if our enemy hunger, we should feed him, and if he thirst, we should give him drink; for in so doing we heap coals of fire on his head. In this way we may overcome evil with good. Now, for instance, if any of the girls were to mistreat one of you by calling you ill names, or otherwise abuse you, and you were to get angry and treat them in the same way, that would not be like our heavenly Father treats those who sin against Him. He ever remains kind to all, and His mercy is over all continually. But if, when you are mistreated, you render kindness in return, and show that you are above doing so low a thing as to treat them in like manner, still manifesting a kind regard for them, you thereby disarm them of malice and conquer their evil dispositions. This is about what the apostle means by 'heaping coals of fire on their heads.'"

"O, yes, I see now," said Mellie, "how that is; I thought he could not mean putting burning coals on them, because that might make them angry again. I think now that I can understand it all. It's when one does another a great wrong, and gets kind treatment in return, it makes that person so ashamed and so sorry that the sufferings of the heart are as burning coals of fire on the head. O, I do wish I could understand all that the Bible means, and I intend to keep trying. I'll read it carefully, and I'll get you and mamma to tell me what I can't understand, and when I get larger I will know more about it."

The conversation now had to give way to other duties, but as they repaired to their lessons, a marked difference was manifest in the countenances of the pupils. Mellie's cheerful spirit shone out through her eyes, and lit up her whole countenance with almost angelic brightness. She felt that she had done her duty, and her conscience was at ease. But with Laura Thompson, and several others, the feeling was different. Their sad and downcast looks betrayed an uneasy conscience. They were experiencing something of the effects of "coals of fire on their heads." Their remorse was increased by the belief that their teacher knew of their treatment of Mellie, and intended a personal application of his remarks. The young ladies were not heartless and unkind, but they were gay and thoughtless. Like many of my young readers, they were impulsive and hasty.

Thoughtlessness, however, is a great evil, and often leads to follies whose fruit is a long and bitter repentance. The indulgence of envious and malicious dispositions is seldom followed by pleasant results. But the girls were fairly conquered by kindness; they formed the just and sensible resolution that they would rise by their own exertions, and stand on their own merits, and that they would never again be guilty of an act so dishonorable as trying to injure the good name of a meritorious little school-mate—they would never again attempt to rise by the downfall of another.

At recess several of the girls went to Mellie with confessions of sorrow, and told her that "her kind treatment, together with Mr. Hamilton's lecture, had made them feel so badly that they could not study their lessons without first confessing their faults and asking her forgiveness."

Mellie threw back her flowing

hair, that now hung in tresses over her face, and with large teardrops chasing each other from her full blue eyes, threw her arms around each in turn, and pressed upon them a warm kiss of true affection and forgiveness. Not a word did she utter. Her heart was so full she could not speak. But so magical was the effect upon the others, that they were forced to give vent to her feelings in sobs and tears.

Mr. Hamilton came in just in time to learn the situation, and said that it seemed that his remarks in the morning must have been providentially directed, as he himself was at the time ignorant of what had previously passed among his pupils. From this time forward the most perfect harmony prevailed in the school. Jealousy, that hideous monster, that had crept in, was now effectually killed, and peace was restored to its rightful possession. Each now seemed to vie with the other as to who could do her own part best. They were all kind to each other. They no longer sought to detract anything from little Mellie, hence she was again the general favorite of the school. With pride Mr. Hamilton often boasted of his well disciplined, orderly and harmonious school; and had but little trouble, either from the indolence or other misconduct, of his pupils.

Mellie continued at school three years, making rapid progress all the time. For brilliancy and vigor of mind, she had no equal. The gratuitous titles conferred on her, of "Little Inquisitive" and "Little Baptist," if not deserved, were accepted by her with marked approval. Especially the latter, by which she became widely known, was appreciated as a most agreeable distinction. When teased by her companions for being a "Little Baptist," she would reply: "If I do become a Baptist, it will be because the Bible makes me a Baptist. If the Bible makes me a Baptist, why, then, I'll be a Baptist—that's all." Thus she would reason, feeling fully conscious that no blame could be attached to her for following the teachings of the Bible, notwithstanding she might go contrary to the wishes of her dearest friends.

Without presuming to present her conclusions as infallible, yet she is a most worthy example, in that she takes the Bible for her teacher, and resolves to be led by its instructions, regardless of the opinions of her church or people. She exhibits a child-like simplicity and confidence that should actuate all of God's intelligent creatures. Like the little Samuel of old, she was ready to say, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth." She fully recognized that it is God's providence to command, and each individual's duty to obey.

(Continued next week)

—BR—

H. W. Stigler has this to say in his church paper: "What kind of preaching do you like? Some like the skimmed-milk variety. It must have little scripture, if any, but must have some beautiful poems and some pathetic stories. Others like strong meat. They want the preacher to preach what is called a doctrinal sermon every time he gets in the pulpit. But they do not think a sermon on duty is worth a penny. Some like most any kind of sermon except one on money. A sermon on tithing has about the same effect on them as water does on an animal with hydrophobia."—Baptist Messenger.

# Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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### "Christ In You"

"Christ in You" is the title of a pamphlet written by Dr. P. I. Lipsey at the request of our W. M. U. State Mission Program Committee to be used in preparation for our State Mission Season of Prayer. Will you pause a moment and think seriously of the meaning of the word "preparation." Immediately you are reminded of something ahead for which you should be ready. It also suggests that there is a particular purpose in that coming event, and that your readiness will enable you to participate more intelligently.

The above answers the "why" of this publication. We want each member of the missionary society to reap all the spiritual benefit from the Season of Prayer that the committee anticipated in its planning.

Dr. Lipsey took the theme of each day's program and has given the secret of how Christ in us will constrain and compel us to work continuously, carrying on His mission to completion.

Three copies have been sent to each society president and we will send others for 5c each or 50c per dozen.

We were disappointed not to have but 23 names of delegates to W. M. U. Convention in Oklahoma City to send to the hotel reservation committee August 7th. If there are others who are making plans to attend, please send your name to our office immediately.

### Oklahoma Baptists Welcome You

Oklahoma's invitation to Woman's Missionary Union to meet in Oklahoma City is the genuine expression of the warm hospitality of the west. Oklahoma is a new country and therefore will not rank among the states leading in Baptist statistics. But her growth has been vigorous and stable. Baptists of Oklahoma are free from denominational debt. Two well equipped Baptist hospitals located at Miami and Muskogee minister to the sick. Her state Baptist Children's Home in Oklahoma City will be the finest in the south when completed. It is designed to be a "children's city." Three of the proposed buildings are already complete. A gift of more than \$337,000 brought in in the early months of 1944 will be used to complete the "children's city" when priorities permit.

Oklahoma Baptist University has a remarkable reputation as a Christian institution. Dr. Maddry expressed his gratitude recently for the many missionaries O. B. U. produces. Six of twenty foreign missionaries appointed in April were from Oklahoma. The beautiful W. M. U. Memorial Hall, the girls' dormitory of O. B. U., was a gift of the W. M. U. members of Oklahoma.

Oklahoma's state headquarters are located in the heart of Oklahoma City in a three-story building owned by Oklahoma Baptists. The Baptist Book Store occupies the first floor and the state Baptist offices are housed on the second and third floors. The building finished inside with

knotty pine is unusually attractive.

The Baptist Messenger goes into 27,000 homes in Oklahoma. It carries its message of our work and workers.

The Oklahoma Baptist Assembly held on 170 acres of state Baptist property at Falls Creek is the largest Baptist assembly in the world. More than 7000 enrolled at its last meeting. Oklahoma Baptists gave more than \$676,444 to all missionary causes in 1943.

There are 257,000 Baptists in Oklahoma in her 1094 churches. This vast army of your brothers and sisters welcomes you to our state as you come for these days of counsel and fellowship, September 20-21.—Mrs. Bill V. Carden, publicity chairman for W. M. U. annual meeting.

Ramon Falcon 4113,  
Buenos Aires, Argentina  
June 21, 1944

Dear Friends:

"People just do not read circular letters." Well, this is the best we can do and we hope there are exceptions to the above quotation. Here we have been back in Argentina almost seven months. We have not forgotten the many friends, kinfolk and churches that during our enjoyable furlough took us into their homes and hearts. We have not been able to maintain contacts, for several reasons, chiefly the uncertainty and delays in the mails. For example, we received Christmas and New Year mail the last of April.

We are deeply grateful to our Father and to those who have prayed for us, for health and protection and many other blessings. Our trips by air were wonderful and comfortable. Our people received us lovingly and with joy. Upon landing in Argentina the police officer received us kindly as missionaries. We have not seen or felt, personally, any sign of hostility. We had a house awaiting us just across the corner from our training school, so that we can attend our classes with every ease. We are in the third month of the session, winter is upon us, but we have both been very well, with the exception of colds.

Perhaps we could better express our gratitude, aspirations, apprehensions, and consolation by referring you to the following Scripture texts: 1 Sam. 7:12; Psalms 23:1; 91 Psalm; 103:4; 1 Cor. 16:9; Revelation 17:6; John 16:2; Luke 12:32; Acts 4:29-30; Isaiah 55:10-12.

Living conditions are remarkably good in Argentina, considering the general effects of the war. Foodstuffs are plentiful. Government restrictions have kept the prices down. Gasoline and kerosene are about the only essentials that are rationed. We cook with gas and have an open fireplace (small) for the first time in these nearly 34 years) to keep our house warm and pay about 18 dollars a ton for hard wood. There are no bread lines. People who use kerosene must stand in line and may buy a quart per day. Traffic congestion is a problem, but is dealt with patiently and wisely. As tires are scarce, some taxi-buses are being run on street-car rails. In fact, war condi-

tions are helpful to Argentina, as she is developing her resources, planning new industries and becoming less dependent upon other nations.

The work of the gospel goes on normally. We have reasons for encouragement. The number of churches is increasing. Pastors are lacking. We have a good number of seminary students, twenty-five in all counting four who are doing their 5th and 6th years outside to make room for new students. There are thirteen girls in the Training School. These students come from north, south and west Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Russia, Italy and Spain.

The Associated Press item of the S. B. Convention came through and was published in several papers in the country. Only one English paper commented on it and that not very favorably. But Mr. Elder promptly sent in an article telling the paper and its readers who the S. B. C. is and represents and repeating items of the April "Commission" about the Missionary Conference.

You will be pleased to know that the Word has free course and is blessed. Our students preach on the streets. The Baptists have half an hour each Sunday on the radio here in Buenos Aires and in most of the large cities. Our church property still enjoys the usual tax exemptions and our publications circulate through the mails as usual.

Our Mission as well as our Board at home are much interested in opening medical work in Paraguay in close relation with our National Board. Misses Willis and Councilman are busy studying the language here and anxious to be on their Paraguayan field. Our Mission is also studying the advisability of transferring one of our present missionary families to the needy field of Paraguay. It might be of interest to you to know that our local Mission Board has just appointed a new couple to Paraguay: Mr. Deiros, a seminary student who before entering the seminary had several years of medicine and expects to finish his course in Asuncion while actively engaged in evangelization and other church work. His wife studied in the Bible Institute in Rosario.

How we long for peace to be restored to the nations!

We are counting on your interest and prayers. We remember to pray for you daily. With Christian love.

Your missionary,

Mrs. L. Cleveland Quarles.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	SS	BTU
Ellistown (Union)	151	100
Rocky Springs (Yazoo)	18	
Cross Roads (Webster)	39	47
Brookhaven	432	87
Ellison Ridge (Winston)	72	
West Side (Natchez)	92	51
Griffith Memorial	477	268
First, Jackson	856	214
New Albany	448	131
Crystal Springs	381	100
Olive Branch	66	61
Wallerville	52	26
Calvary, Jackson	898	220

### CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young, Clinton, Miss.

#### Called and Accepted

Doyle Lumpkin, Dalark church, Carey Association, Ark.  
W. T. Tiner, missionary Buckville Association, Buckville, Ark.  
Ray Y. Langley, Crawfordville, Ark.  
Roy L. Puckett, Eastern Parkway, Louisville, Ky.  
Gilbert M. Profitt, Union, Defoe, Ky.  
Logan M. Thomas, Gilead, Glendale, Ky.  
Dalton Leath, Pleasant Grove, Owensboro, Ky.  
Ira C. Cole, Charleston Heights, Charleston, S. C.  
Claud Bridges, First, Goliad, Tex.  
J. M. Wright, Cross Roads and Cane Creek, Ky.  
Frank McFaggart, Magnet, Tex.  
Thurman Rhodes, Bridgeport, Okla.  
Dan P. Tyson, Kingston, Okla.  
Horace Krager, Big Cabin, Okla.  
Ed Foreman, Chantean, Okla.  
Harold C. Spiva, Lake Center, N. E. Association, Okla.  
M. Ray McKal, 2nd, Little Rock, Ark.  
J. Pat Shields, London, Ark.  
Carroll W. Caudill, Cannonsburg, Ky.  
John R. Chiles, Lockhart, Fla.  
Fred Holderfield, Plumville, Ill.  
John F. Stone, London Bridges, Va.  
J. Robert Davis, Oakland church, Roanoke, Va.  
G. P. Anderson, Elm Street, Petersburg, Va.  
John R. Campbell, Liberty, Hawkins, Tex.  
Bob Fling, Tabernacle, Ennis, Tex.  
C. E. Goatcher, vocational director, Orphans Home, Ark.  
F. J. Sellers, Leaksville, N. C.  
Charles A. Simmons, Westfield, N. C.  
P. T. Warrell, Colerian, N. C.  
L. V. Bradley, Jr., Dupont, Ind.  
D. D. McCraw, Fountain Inn, S. C.  
M. T. Louthan, William and Mary College, Va.  
Weston Bruner, Fifth, Washington.  
G. W. Bouldin, Scottsboro, Ala.  
J. D. Gwaltney, Madison Avenue, Convention, Ky.  
J. H. Cole, Los Vegas, Tex.  
Fred Smith, Bremen, Ga.  
Roy C. Crew, Roswell, Ga.  
Callis Cunningham, missionary, Salem-Troy Association, Ala.

#### Resigned

S. T. Tucker, West End, Richmond, Va.  
B. S. Hawkins, New Castle, Okla.  
R. W. Jones, Morris, Okla.  
L. G. Cannon, Buntyn, Memphis, Tenn.  
C. A. Hart, Donthat, Okla.  
Douglas Aldrich, Calvary, Raleigh, N. C.  
Vernon Sisco, Rigeley, Tenn.

John R. Cobb, pastor of Union church, reports that they had a good revival meeting with H. P. Porter of McComb doing the preaching and Lewis Wells of Clinton leading the singing. There was also good attendance at the Vacation Bible school.

## GOING PLACES

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b:  
"Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL."  
Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



TOMMY TALBERT

Hickory Ridge Church, Rankin County

Is No. 750 on E. F. List

The most recent EVERY FAMILY list received in The Baptist Record office is that from Hickory Ridge church, Rankin county.

Tommy Talbert of Jackson, a student at Mississippi College, Clinton, has been pastor there for the past year. His father, A. W. Talbert, was pastor for nine years before him.

Rankin county now has Record readers listed as follows: HICKORY RIDGE 20; ANTIOCH 62; Barefoot 3; BRANDON 37; BRIAR HILL 40; CATO 42; CLEAR BRANCH 75; PUCKETT 37; CONCORD 12; COUNTY LINE 49; East Side 8; Galilee 1; Johns 7; LEESBURG 42; MIZPAH 20; MOUNTAIN CREEK 28; OAKDALE 15; PEARSON 21; PELAHATCHIE 67; PISGAH 42; REHOBETH 13; RICHLAND 57; ROCK HILL 14; STEEN'S CREEK 92; UNION 31; Whitfield 1; STAR 41; Cooperville 1; BETHEL 12; LIBERTY 17, and Line Creek 1.

Dear Editor,

I believe it would be a fine investment to put the Record into the Baptist homes in the community who have not identified themselves with the church and its program. One year reading the Record, or two at least, I believe would bring them into the church membership. Farmers tell us that fertilizer is the cheapest and most profitable labor obtainable; likewise I believe that the Record in every home is the cheapest and most efficient assistant pastor obtainable.

I am thinking of asking my church to add the names of every Baptist family in the community not now affiliated with the church to our subscription list. No business man can be successful until he stops the leaks in his business nor can the Baptist denomination afford to suffer the constant loss of members through the avenue of unaffiliated Baptists in every community, especially when we have at hand the means of stopping this leak in large measure. It just isn't good business, that's all.

Would the EVERY FAMILY Plan

Pleasant Hill, Smith County,  
Is No. 749

One of the latest churches to join the growing list of EVERY FAMILY churches is Pleasant Hill of Smith county. G. T. Henderson is pastor and Alford Sullivan of Magee, Rt. 3, is the treasurer. More and more of the Mississippi churches are learning that The Baptist Record meets their needs.

Smith county now has Record readers listed as follows:

Burns 1; Homewood 9; LEAF RIVER 92; LORENA 34; Oak Grove 9; POLKVILLE 29; RALEIGH 71; Rocky Hill 12; MIZE 25; Summerland 1; SYLVARENA 46; TAYLORSVILLE 55; White Oak 5; Wilkerson Memorial 2; Sardis 2; Clear Creek 2; Sharon 1; FELLOWSHIP 30, and PLEASANT HILL 21.

### CENTENNIAL EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE PLANS DRAFTED

(Continued from Page One)

period for rural campaigns, tent meetings, and extension revivals. Each church, it is expected, will not only hold at least one revival of its own but will sponsor one extension meeting in addition.

The goal is thus twice as many revivals during the year as the number of churches, or 50,000 evangelistic meetings. Brotherhoods will be asked to make practical arrangements for extension meetings. W. M. U.'s will have special responsibility in community evangelistic activities.

The fall months will be a period for a gleaning process aimed at reaching every place not already touched. The full year's program includes two evangelistic meetings in every Baptist college; revivals in children's homes and hospitals; meetings in penal institutions; open air and street meetings; soul-winning in Vacation Bible schools, in the armed services, and on public transportation vehicles.

The committee agreed to enlist the help of Dr. E. P. Alldredge in careful preparation of state quotas based on present membership, total population, unchurched population, and baptisms in recent years.

To reach the goal of a million souls for Christ in 1945, it was pointed out, Southern Baptists must be five times as effective in soul-winning as of late, for the average number of converts in recent years has been about 200,000. Instead of the combined energies of twenty-seven church members, on an average, being required to win one convert, only five must be required to win one.

### MINUTES OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION DELAYED

Due to circumstances over which we have no control the publication of the Minutes of the 1944 Southern Baptist Convention has been delayed. The printers assure us, however, that the Minutes will be ready to send out on or before September 15th, 1944.—Austin Crouch, Executive Secretary, the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

### SIGNIFICANT MEETING

A significant denominational meeting will be that of the commission on relocation of chaplains with the Endorsement Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to

permit us to add these names to our list?

(It certainly would.—A. L. Goodrich.)



PROF. R. L. COKER

### MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE COLUMN

Professor Robert Lee Coker is a new member of the Mississippi College faculty, having been added to the Department of Physics. He is a Mississippian, born near Meridian. He holds B.S. degree from Mississippi State College and the M.A. degree from the University of Alabama. He taught in Meridian Junior College for several years and was instructor in Physics at Mississippi State College in the Army Air Forces College training program before coming to Mississippi College. His wife was Miss Rosalind Talbert of Meridian. They have a two-year-old daughter. They are Baptists. Professor Coker is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, national honorary fraternity, and is also a member of the Mathematical Association of America.

The next term at Mississippi College begins August 28. This is a short term covering September and October. The long term begins November 1. Probably most of the new students will enter August 28, but they can enter at either time. Under the new accelerated plan, it is possible to make more than a semester hour a week. Mississippi College is op-

gether with the chaplains who are present at Ridgecrest, August 15. This is a new type and demonstration of denominational co-operation.

Of the fifty-seven chaplains separated from the service, all but six are relocated in civilian pastorates.

### JAMES FLEMING BARNHILL

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 11:00 o'clock at Saule Chapel church, Macon, for James Flemming Barnhill, who died at the home of his son, Lloyd G. Barnhill, in Gatesville, Texas, on July 30. Interment took place in the family plot with Reverends R. D. Pearson and N. H. Giesler officiating.

Mr. Barnhill was a native of Winston county but moved to Noxubee in early childhood. He was born May 16, 1860, the second child of the late William Isaiah and Sara Mason Barnhill. Early in life he became a member of the Baptist church. He was a man of sterling qualities, a highly esteemed citizen, a good neighbor, and a father of high Christian principles. He was a Mason.

He was married to Miss Mattie Hines on November 27, 1884. She preceded him in death a number of years.

Eleven children were born to them, the following now living: Mrs. J. A. Randolph, San Antonio, Texas; Mrs. C. W. Porter, Hamilton, Miss.; Mrs. A. J. Finklea, Leland, Miss.; Rev. J. A. Barnhill and W. E. Barnhill, Jackson, Miss.; L. G. Barnhill, somewhere in France.

He also leaves five sisters: Mrs. J. K. Triplett, Brooksville; Mrs. Rosa Harper, Columbus; Mrs. Neva Genner and Mrs. George Cauchillon, Macon, and two brothers, L. A. Barnhill, Brooksville, and B. F. Barnhill, Macon.

A host of other relatives, including grandchildren and great-grandchildren, will ever hold dear the memory of this one who has passed on.

erating 12 months a year, but it is not necessary for a student to remain the whole year. He may drop out a term for a vacation when he feels the need of one. All terms are four months except the two summer terms which are two months each.

Jackson students who wish to live at home and enroll as day students should apply to the bursar, Mr. B. R. Albritton, for places in the college cars which pick up students at their homes each morning. There are boarding facilities for both men and women and this is the plan recommended, but the daily transportation has been arranged for those who prefer to live at home.

It is only a few minutes drive from Jackson to Clinton over either of the two paved highways. Clinton is far enough out to be free from the distractions of the city, and near enough to share Jackson's opportunities.

M. P. L. BERRY.

## IT CAN BE DONE!

Do you want to be "out of debt" by the November Convention? Yes! Well, that gives us three months—August, September, and October—to raise \$68,092.97, the debt balance as of July 31st! That means Mississippi Baptists must put into debt paying a little over \$22,000 for each of the three months mentioned above! IT CAN BE DONE! It means we must be on our toes for Christ's sake! It means we must be generous in designating money to this cause!

Remember! We have already saved \$243,925 in interest. We will save an additional \$40,950—6% interest for thirteen (13) years on \$52,500—by calling 1957 bonds this year. These maturities represent all remaining outstanding bonds. This will make a total interest saving in the amount of \$284,875.00 on all bonds called ahead of maturity schedule.

Mississippi Baptists are about to complete their greatest single money raising task—in ALL THEIR HISTORY! Doxology,

Mississippi Baptist Education Commission  
Department of Now Club

Box 530 — Jackson, 105, Mississippi

### THE "TALKING LEAF" GROWS IN AFRICA

By Dana M. Albaugh

A little African lad timidly asked his teacher for "the book that makes trouble for the head." He was not the first to have such a thought about an arithmetic book. His comment calls attention to a revolutionary change that is taking place. Africa is learning to read and write. This is of profound significance....

Under the old tribal system in African education, no textbooks were needed or used. Of the 800 spoken dialects only one or two had been reduced to writing. There was no literature, and the African had only the folklore handed down from father to son to give guidance to his daily life.

When the white man came Africans saw him read, write, use figures, and print. They were inclined to believe that he possessed a new kind of fetish, a powerful "medicine," perhaps concocted by some medicine man in the land of pale-faced people.

The early missionaries opened schools and began to teach boys and girls to read and write. It was some time before they discovered why there was such a keen desire to learn the secret of the printed page. Then they found that the Africans had been carrying their produce to the trading establishments on the coast. There they received a slip of paper on which the buying agent made a few marks. When they took this paper to the company store the goods of their selection were given to them by another agent. What a powerful fetish! No wonder the printed page was later called the "magic leaf" or the "talking leaf."

Today thousands of African boys and girls are making the acquaintance of the "talking leaf." You may see them sitting on rough-hewn benches in a school building with mud walls and a roof of jungle grass.

Young Africa is learning to read. Through the printed page he receives propaganda, learns first hand of racial tension, and watches armies march over continents called Christian. He learns of strikes, labor conflicts, pressure groups, color lines, maximum working hours, time and a half for overtime. He now has a calendar and knows when Sunday and pay-day come around. He is believed through the printed page to buy radios, bicycles, typewriters and sewing machines. But he can also become acquainted with the world's great personalities, the finest literature, and the Book of books.

Knowledge of the "talking leaf" means that the mosquito is not just an obnoxious insect. It is a dangerous enemy. The African has seen a picture of the mosquito greatly enlarged. He real that when it travels from an infected to an uninfected person it carries the chills and fever of malaria. Formerly when he had these chills he thought some one must have put a "curse" upon him; or perhaps he had not paid the medicine man enough to get the right kind of fetish. But the magic of print helps him to see danger in the steaming swamps. It also tells him of the white powder, quinine, which will relieve his misery.

No longer does he think, as perhaps his father did, that a wheelbarrow is something to be loaded, placed on a man's head and carried

### THE SOLDIER MEETS THE MISSIONARY

By Mabel H. Brown

"What will you do first when you get back to the States?" This was one of the questions in some games in a missionary home in China at a Washington's birthday dinner party for Americans in uniform. Among the replies were these: "I shall get down on my knees and kiss the ground." I shall go to the first telephone, call up the folks, have a malted milk and a hamburger—and then get back to the farm and help dad."

Such homesick Americans 14,000 miles away are finding Christian hospitality in the most unexpected places. A visit to the mission—a chance to talk with home folks in a "home away from home"—is a sure cure for soldiers' blues! Everywhere missionaries are keeping open house for the armed forces; making over large rooms and putting in games, magazines, victrolas! establishing canteens; talking over personal problems! providing kitchen privileges; having picnic suppers for sailors in port.

"A bit of Tennessee transplanted to the heart of Persia!" says an American soldier, a former school teacher. "This missionary's home has been an oasis for the soldiers who have visited there. He and his family are the greatest morale builders in this part of the world. He is doing a wonderful piece of work which only a man with extraordinary ability and a strong and lovable personality could accomplish; and this under most difficult conditions."

From "Somewhere in Africa" a lad addresses his pastor at home as "Dear Reverend," describes the bachelor-missionary "open house" he visits near camp and the magnificent work being done among the natives. He closes thus: "Sir, I would like to know if there are any more of our missionaries down here in Africa. If there are I would sure like to meet them."

"We can get pretty close to 500 into our chapel, and sometimes there is standing room only," writes a mis-

sionary to its destination. Through the "talking leaf" he sees the wheel as one of the simplest but greatest of scientific achievements.

The Christian forces have been the leaders in giving the African the use of the "talking leaf." They have supported mission schools, and sent teachers into the corners of darkest illiteracy. They have reduced languages to writing, translated books and sponsored reading campaigns. They have given the Bible with all its wisdom, beauty and simplicity to great sections of African life.

The powerful instrument of reading is now in the hands of the African people. It can be a weapon for good or for evil, depending upon how it is used. Certain selfish and ambitious forces seek to capture its effectiveness. Christians have an opportunity to spread the knowledge of love, charity, goodness and righteousness through the "talking leaf." When the African has come through the present period of transition what will the verdict be? Will it have been a "magic leaf" bringing results in the building of Christian character or only "the leaf that caused trouble for the head?"

sionary in Iran. "And when that fine congregation of men unite on 'How Firm a Foundation' you really feel the foundations are firm."

From India: "We had about fifty soldiers in our homes at Thanksgiving dinner, and again at Christmas." "Their wisecracks have helped us grow younger." "We have a hard time keeping the cookie jar filled." "They express their gratitude in many ways. Sometimes they bring luxury items as gifts to us." "The boys invariably stay till nearly midnight—and it takes a half-hour anyway to get them going."

But the boys are discovering more than home atmosphere. They are discovering the world-wide Christian church—where they hardly knew it existed. What do they say when this happens? "Well, Mom, more miracles have happened than seemed possible. Believe me, there are a lot of fellows out here that didn't have religion but sure do now." "I have had to abolish from my mind the ideas that I had picked up about mission work when at home."

A minister in Milwaukee is adjoined thus: "The next time you have a missionary at the church who has spent time in India, give him a good build-up. The work they are doing is wonderful. I got into a clan of them at one of my stations and really had my eyes opened, both at the religious work they do and the splendid attention they are giving to medical and educational achievement. Right now much of their time is taken in improvising their homes into USO's for American and British soldiers, and the entertainment they provide is only shadowed by their food. It isn't a bad life, that of a missionary. They are forgetting all that petty rivalry which we sometimes find at home!"

A captain writes: "We may not have wanted to come to India but it has meant that many thousands of men who would have cherished throughout their lives an entirely wrong conception of missionary work have been able to see that Christian work at first hand. Nothing seems too much for these indefatigable people. Our men have found on Sunday a 'little sanctuary' where they may find God, and finding Him can feel again with their loved ones, quiet in mind, strong in spirit. I am writing from a khaki-colored viewpoint. We have met true and living Christianity here. To see these things is a great revelation that none of us will ever forget."

"I take it all back," is the message of a soldier to his mother, after an enthusiastic recital of the influence of Christianity on the lives of natives. He had criticized missionary, but after seeing them in action said, "They are doing a grand job." Another wrote: "Dear Mom: Because of missions, I was feasted and not feasted upon when I fell from the sky into this village." A chaplain in New Caledonia says, "None of my sturdy men will ever say 'I don't believe in missions.' They are all for it." Others write: "If this is missionary work, it's an eye-opener to me." "I have been giving pennies to missions, but I am going to teach my son to give dimes."

One officer says he will return home after the war, take his medical degree and return to serve where once he was a soldier. An army nurse declares she will become a missionary nurse. Another officer, a man of

### SWEDISH BAPTISTS CREATE INDEPENDENT FOREIGN MISSIONS BOARD

St. Paul, Minn. — (RNS) — The Swedish Baptist General Conference of America voted to establish an independent foreign missions board at its 65th annual meeting here, in an action partially precipitated by differences over missions between the Fundamentalist and Liberal groups in the Northern Baptist Convention.

A spokesman for the body said the conference would have eventually set up its own missions board "anyway" but the conflict between the two groups in the Northern Baptist Convention hastened the action.

In the past, the Swedish Baptist Conference has sponsored missions in collaboration with the American Baptist Foreign Missions Society and other groups.

A temporary foreign missions committee, consisting of representatives from each of the 15 districts in the conference, was named to study policies and structure of the new board.

The conference voted to raise \$50,000 for its foreign mission project, \$30,000 for foreign missions under its present set-up, and \$40,000 for home missions.

It has set up a \$25,000 world emergency fund to aid returning service men, to carry on religious work in war plant areas, and to meet other post-war needs.

The conference also pledged its support to "every agency and legislative measure which aims to combat the liquor industry," after pointing out "the widespread consumption of beverage alcohol is contributing to the physical and moral degradation of our country to an alarming degree."

The Rev. Wyman Malmsten, St. Paul, was elected moderator for next year's meeting.

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During the recent revival at New Prospect church, Newton county, special recognition was given to J. T. Savell, 90 year old deacon. He has been a member of the church for 72 years and a deacon for 66 years of that time.—J. L. Owens, reporter.

science, not a member of any church, writes: "People would feel a lot better about the money that goes to these missionaries if they could see what they have done. It is a lot different from the idea that they are 'cramming religion' into them and teaching them hymns. The people they work with were head-hunters not long ago. Now they are an industrious, honest group on the whole, who may have to come over and evangelize our civilized western world after a bit."

The oft-termed "impractical" missionary work of the church has produced one of the most practical surprises of the war—invaluable assistance to Allied service men by islanders of the fever-infested South Pacific. (Voluntarily, one-time savages daily risk their lives to carry ammunition to the front lines. Many hundreds of wrecked and wounded aviators and sailors have discovered that the reason they were carried tenderly on stretchers for days across the Owen Stanley Range by "fuzzy-wuzzy angels," instead of being eaten forthwith or being turned over to the enemy for reward, was that Christian missionaries had been at work among those tribes for only fifty years.

## LAYMEN'S SUNDAY TO BE OBSERVED

New York (RNS)—October 22 has been chosen for the third annual observance of Laymen's Sunday, sponsored by the Laymen's Movement of which Wallace C. Speers, New York merchant, is president. The theme will be "The Truth Shall Make You Free."

It is expected that laymen, at the invitation of their pastors, will take complete charge of the Sunday morning service in hundreds of churches, to report on their efforts to apply detailed Christian principles in their own daily affairs.

Approximately 1,000 churches observed the day last year.

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## SCHOOLS SPONSOR RELIGIOUS, RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

Nashville, Tenn.—(RNS)—Religious leaders are providing spiritual and moral training for about 1,500 white and 600 Negro children enrolled in a recreational and instructional project here to combat juvenile delinquency. The program is sponsored by 12 city schools under auspices of the Nashville Board of Education and the Board of Park Commissioners, in cooperation with the Federal Works Agency.

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Miss Ruby Booth, church secretary of Phalti church, Prentiss, writes that the enrollment in their Vacation school was 89; overage attendance 81; mission offering \$16.25 and 12 workers participated. Rev. and Mrs. William L. Hendricks of B. B. I., who are connected with Child Evangelism Fellowship, were the leaders in the school. Their ministry in the Bible school made lasting impressions upon the ones who attended.

New Haven church, Hinds county: Solie Smith of Stonewall did the preaching in the revival and there were eight additions. Mrs. Charles Harrell conducted a good Vacation Bible school.

Bear Creek church, Attala county: There were nine additions in the revival in which Earl Brooks of Weir did the preaching. Miss Ford of Goodman was pianist for the meeting. The superintendent of the Sunday school, Dee Landrum, is doing a good work. The building fund of the church is growing for the post-war building. C. F. Anglin, pastor.

The Endville church, Pontotoc county, has begun a building program. Definite plans were started and committees appointed at the close of the revival. Pastor A. B. Jones did the preaching in the revival and there were six additions. J. W. Simmons is chairman of the building committee, and Miss Vashti Potter, chairman of the finance committee. The following were approved by the church for new deacons: Johnny McCord, George Potter and Auber Wiseman. They, with the senior deacon, J. W. Simmons, were elected trustees for the church property. The site for the church building was given by Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brandon.—Mrs. Cletus Bryant and Miss Vashti Potter, reporters.

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: C. L. Lentz, Vicksburg; J. C. Lancaster, Corinth; Dr. Walter L. Johnson, Philadelphia; Rev. David T. Cranford, Charleston; Rev. C. S. Thomas, Jackson; Rev. V. R. Crider, Paynes; Rev. L. C. Hoff, Clinton; Dr. Charles L. McKay, Louisiana; Ethel McKeithen, Meridian, and Chester Swor, Jackson.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	SS	BTU
Olive Branch	62	88
New Albany	384	131
West Side (Natchez)	114	52
Antioch (Jones Co.)	35	45
Ellison Ridge (Winston county)	59	
Brookhaven	439	117
Crystal Springs	347	96
Rocky Creek (George county)	156	74
Cross Roads (Webster county)	19	41
Louisville	292	54
First, Jackson	855	228
Parkway, Jackson	444	144
Hardy	131	20
Center (Union county)	98	82
Griffith Memorial (Jackson)	471	265
Calvary, Jackson	698	171
Wellman, Bogue Chitto		
(Aug. 6)	75	98
Marion (Lauderdale county)		
(Aug. 6)	53	42
Enon (Panola county) (Aug. 6)	34	40
New Harmony (Neshoba County) (Aug. 6)	63	35
Wellman (Lincoln county)		
(Aug. 6)	75	98
Louisville (Aug. 6)	476	69
Tishomingo Chapel (Alcorn county) (Aug. 6)	91	
New Hope (Sunflower county)		
(Aug. 6)	82	70
Hardy (Aug. 6)	110	24

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## GODLINESS IS PROFITABLE

The church membership in America at the present time is but approximately 40 per cent of the population. Despite this fact, it provides 80 per cent of all college students, 75 per cent of all the home owners, and 90 per cent of all the country's philanthropy. It is declared upon good authority that only two per cent of the criminals of the United States have, or have had, church relationship.—Exchange.

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## CHAPLAIN SAYS 23RD PSALM GIVES MOST COMFORT TO SOLDIERS

Nashville, Tenn.—(RNS)—The Scripture text that gives most comfort to soldiers preparing for battle is the 23rd Psalm: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me. . ."

This opinion was expressed by Capt. John M. Bomar, of Plainville, Miss., chaplain of the 20th Ferrying Group, stationed at Smyrna Army Air Field near here. He spoke at special camp religious services.

There is a big increase in chapel attendance as the time for action nears, but that does not mean that soldiers are "frightened into religion," Chaplain Bomar said.

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Crowder church, Quitman county: Pastor Loyd Shelton reports that since he began his pastorate at Crowder an addition has been made to the parsonage and that the Lord is blessing the work there. Forty-five awards were granted during the B. T. U. study course in the spring. Miss Carolyn Madison taught a Sunday school training class. The pastor preached during the spring revival. Sixty were enrolled in the Vacation school in which the following workers were enlisted: Mrs. H. E. Tedford, Mrs. Jo Wood, Miss Pearl Bridges, Mrs. Estelle Shaw, Mrs. J. M. Weems and Mrs. L. T. Shelton. Since December there have been 78 additions to the church. A building program for the near future is the object of their prayers at the present time.—Reporter.

It was stated in last week's Record by mistake that Dr. Norman W. Cox of Meridian was the visiting preacher at the annual revival at Russell. This report was of the revival at Puckett and not at Russell. The revival at Russell church will begin the fourth Sunday in August with Ray F. Dykes, Meridian, doing the preaching.

Winona: Wednesday night, July 12, at prayer meeting, Brother Paul N. Harlan was ordained to the full gospel ministry. The presbytery was made up of Pastor C. B. Hamlet, III, Chaplain Fowler and Deacons V. D. Rowe, L. E. Townsend, E. W. Eubank, M. C. Billingsley, E. A. Hammond, W. D. Trewella and O. D. Brent. After due examination he was recommended for ordination. The pastor delivered the charge and Chaplain Fowler brought the ordination sermon. The pastor led in the ordination prayer and all ministers and deacons present "set our brother apart" by the "laying on of the hands." The church voted to present Brother Harlan with a Bible. The service closed with the congregation congratulating Brother Harlan and wishing him "God's speed" in his work. Surely we shall remember him at the throne of grace as he enters into the full service of the Lord.—Church Bulletin.

Pine Grove church, Pearl River Association: A V. B. S. was sponsored in the colored church at Cybur. The attendance average 48. Mrs. J. W. McGehee directed the school.—Reporter.

We rejoice with Pastor and Mrs. C. B. Hamlet, III, of Winona over the arrival of Charles Buck Hamlett, IV, on July 23.

Dr. A. A. Kitchens of Mississippi College assisted Pastor Clark McMurray in the revival at Linn church, Sunflower Association. There were 48 additions to the church, 31 of whom came on profession of faith. Daily prayer services averaged 60 in attendance.—Mrs. J. A. Pipkin, reporter.

E. F. Haight, pastor, served as the principal of the V. B. S. at Pine Grove church, Pearl River Association. There was an average attendance of 61. The following teachers and helpers assisted the pastor: Jesse McGehee, Dumas Wise, Mrs. Dennis Humphrey, Mrs. Jesse McGehee, Mrs. J. R. Seal, Mrs. Dumas Wise, Mrs. Waldon Stockstill, Mrs. Morris Seal, Mrs. Joe Williams, Miss Abi Evans, Mrs. Cleve Seal, Mrs. Trafton Peters, Miss Myra Faye Walker and Miss Dot Peters.

Members of the church at Winona rejoiced on August 6 when seven were welcomed into their membership. C. B. Hamlet, III, is pastor at Winona.

Moy Self, associate pastor of Temple church, Ruston, La., assisted Alva Odom in a revival meeting at Hice, La. There were 12 additions to the church, 11 of whom were for baptism.

Clark Rakestraw, pastor of the Ellistown church, reports that there was a large number of additions to the church during their revival. Twenty-six came for baptism and nine by letter.

Pine Grove church, Pearl River Association, had a study course, "From Bethlehem to Olivet" which was taught by their pastor, E. F. Haight.

C. B. Hamlet, III, reports that there were 14 professions of faith during the revival at Scotland church, Montgomery county. Jim Metts led the singing.

## CANTON CHURCH HAS FIRST CHURCH MINUTES

From the history of the First Baptist Church of Canton written by Deacon E. A. Howell, we learn that the first church record book begun in 1843 is still in a splendid state of preservation. It was carried into the country during the Civil War to prevent it from being burned by the Union Army. It has full minutes of the organization meeting and shows a list of the white members and of the colored members of the church, for until after the Civil War, the slaves were admitted into the membership of the church.

The minutes show that in 1857 it was ordered that the church debt and expense be apportioned among the members in the same ratio as they each paid taxes.

According to the records the church began with a membership of 14 and in 1850 had a white membership of 34 and 100 colored.

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## THEY KEEP THEIR NEW TESTAMENTS

Captain Wicher, who was pastor of a Presbyterian church in Manchester, N. H., when he was appointed chaplain two years ago, recounts the following:

One Sunday when Chaplain Wicher was making the rounds of a field hospital and was offering each lad a copy of the "penny portions" of the Scriptures with the remark, "Here, Son, this is your Sunday reading, and I suggest that you read at least a chapter before you go to sleep tonight," he was amazed at what followed. He says: "Over half the men reached into their pockets and pulled out battle-battered New Testaments to show them to me. Most of them had lost their razors and tooth brushes in combat, but they still had their New Testaments." The chaplain is convinced that "they do not carry them as a sort of magic charm," for the reason that they are constantly coming to their chaplain to ask the meaning of puzzling passages.

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Albany, N. Y.—(RNS)—Efforts to legalize off-track betting on horse races will be vigorously opposed by the New York State Council of Churches through its social action committee, Dr. Wilbur T. Clemens, general secretary, declared here. The church executive criticized a recent resolution by the New York State Association of Police Chief approving off-track wagering and urging legalization of the pari-mutuel system in all areas. The council, Dr. Clemens said, has been adamantly against all such proposals since pari-mutuel betting at race tracks was approved by voters through a constitutional amendment. He added: "Legalizing off-track betting would only spread the evil all over the state, and would lead to the organization of the regular peddling of bets. It is bad enough when this is allowed on the grounds for people who, we assume, have the money to lose. It is another variation of the idea that if you can't control an evil, legalize it and make it appear good."

Six professions of faith were made during the revival at Antioch church, Jones county. The pastor, Paul Z. Ball, led the music and the preaching was done by Solie Smith of Stonewall. A Vacation Bible school was conducted simultaneously by Miss Elizabeth Finch.



# Baptist Training Union

BOX 530 — JACKSON, 105, MISS.

AUBER J. WILDS, State Secretary  
MISS RUTH LOFTIN, Young People  
MISS LOUISE HILL, Rural Emphasis  
MISS NELLA DEAN MITCHELL, Office

## A VICTORY VACATION (A Party)

August is a good time for a general social; that is, a social for the entire Training Union. Why not try it? School will soon be open and no time then for an "all-day picnic" of an afternoon in the country. Or maybe you just want to have it right at home, at the church, perhaps on the church lawn. Anyway—AUGUST IS A GOOD TIME FOR A TRAINING UNION SOCIAL. In the August Magazine we have a good suggestion for a "Victory Vacation." The plans are given, even to the invitation. Here is the suggested invitation, "There is one thing they cannot ration—that is the laughter of our nation. So come where gas is of no valuation, and go on our Victory Vacation." And then there is a fine suggestion for an Intermediate Social—the name, Patriotic Bread Line Party. Sounds interesting. Refer to the August Magazine and get the details. Your Intermediates—or young people either—will like this party.

We want to thank all the churches and especially the members of the churches who helped in any way for the splendid cooperation they gave in our summer program. Our summer workers report good interest in the churches they served. We have a number of new unions as a result, and the work strengthened in every department.

Grenada First reports a delightful week when the Training Union observed "Pastor's Appreciation Week." Miss Emma Bridges, Training Union director, gives a good report of this program. We are glad to see so many of our Training Unions thus expressing their appreciation of their pastor. Every day during the week something nice is done for the pastor by some department of the Training Union. This in itself should make a pastor appreciate the more the good work the Training Union is doing. Congratulations, Dr. Wiley, and other pastors who have been thus honored.

## 257 Missionaries on the Foreign Fields

In spite of the war with the necessity of hundreds of our missionaries having to leave their fields of labor we still have two hundred and fifty-seven missionaries on the foreign fields today carrying on for the Lord. Those who have had to come home for awhile are not sitting idly by, but are working every day in the interest of foreign missions. Have you had one of them in your church? Do not let the opportunity pass, we have more missionaries at home now than we will ever have again, and your chances to have one visit your church are better now than ever. Yes, they will come to any church, country, town, or city. One told us that they rather go to a country church because the city churches have had opportunities to hear the missionaries.

## CHURCH HAS "SILENT PEW" FOR DEAF AND DUMB

Columbus, Ga. — (RNS) — Twenty persons of various ages and denominations comprise the so-called "silent pew" in the first Baptist Church here, all of them deaf and dumb. The sermons of Dr. F. S. Porter, and the hymns and prayers are relayed to the group in sign language.

The person responsible for this innovation is Mrs. S. P. Wright, wife of a Columbus coal dealer. She learned the sign language as a child but used it infrequently until the "silent pew" idea occurred to her. Now deaf and dumb church-goers not only "hear" the sermon which Mrs. Wright, standing with her back to the ministers, relays to them, but

they sing the hymns in signs.

Mrs. Wright is assisted by Major Fred Sparks of Fort Benning and Mrs. J. C. Raiford, whose husband is deaf and who learned the sign language from her deaf father when she was a child.

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## FORD PLANT CONDUCTS WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

Dearborn, Mich. — (RNS) — Devotional services are now held weekly in five of the principal buildings of the Ford Motor Company's Rouge plant as the result of a Thanksgiving Day program arranged by three employees three years ago.

The response to that service inspired by Lee Cecil, William Mueller, and David Martin to build a permanent religious program. Held every Friday morning at 7 o'clock, these services are attended by day workers before their shift begins, and by night workers as they leave the job.

The organizers form a committee which plans the devotions weeks in advance, arranges for guest speakers, for piano music, and for guest soloists. A printed program is distributed through the lunch rooms and cafeteria each month, inviting all interested to attend.

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## PROTESTANT CHAPLAINS TO HAVE NEW MAGAZINE

Philadelphia — (RNS) — A new monthly magazine for Protestant chaplains is scheduled to make its debut Sept. 1. Tentatively known as "The Chaplain," the periodical will be sponsored jointly by the Service Men's Christian League and the

Your church will be blessed by having one of these servants visit it.

## Oxford Has School of Missions

The week of July 9-14 was a period of helpfulness in the Oxford Baptist Church. It was the week in which the church held a Church School of Missions. Three missionaries were present for the week, Miss Pearl Caldwell of China, Mrs. John Allen Moore of Yugoslavia, and Rev. Taylor Stanfill, home missionary working in Little Rock, Ark. These friends held conferences each evening, and took turns about in bringing a message each afternoon to the entire congregation. During the day, morning and afternoon, services were held in the other churches in the association, thus fifteen churches were served. These friends brought a blessing to many lives and the Oxford church is to be congratulated on such a program.

## The First Sunday in September!

The new term in Training Union begins with October 1st. That means that on the first Sunday in September a nominating committee should be approved. This is true with every union. All officers should be elected several weeks before they take their office. A clinic should be held for the newly elected officers where they will study their duties and make plans for the coming term. Another way to elect officers is to wait until the first Sunday, and then the present president say, "Well, this is the time to elect new officers, what do you want to do? Whom do you want for president?" etc., etc. I believe you will agree that that is a very poor way to do it though, so while the time is at hand why not appoint this nominating committee, get the officers elected, have the clinic for studying duties and making plans in general for the next six months, and in detail for the month of October. Then see what a difference it makes in the work.

Verona is having a training school this week. Miss Loftin is with them. New Albany will have an enlargement campaign next week, Miss Loftin and Mr. Wilds are to help.

Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg, will have their enlargement campaign the week of August 27th. Miss Hill and Mr. Wilds are to be in this program. The same week Miss Loftin will help the 28th Avenue church, Hattiesburg, in a training school.

Houston is to have a training school the first week in September, Miss Loftin and Mr. Wilds helping.

September 24-29 will see Jones county in a simultaneous enlargement campaign. Some forty or fifty outside workers will help. Miss Arnote of the Nashville office will also help. Pray for all of these meetings.

General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains.

Dr. Clarence W. Hall, editor of "The Link," monthly publication for service men, will also edit the new magazine, with Dr. Jacob S. Payton as associate editor. The first issue will consist of 10,000 copies.

Contents of "The Chaplain" will include sermons by distinguished American preachers, sermon outlines, humorous anecdotes, denominational and interdenominational news, and practical suggestions on chaplaincy problems.

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## Sunday School Department

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### August Emphasis

Officer and Teacher Enlistment—Vacation Bible Schools.

We are suggesting the above emphases because August is the month when many churches, especially in the rural districts, will have their Vacation Bible schools, and when every church should begin the very important part of enlisting officers and teachers for the new year which begins October 1.

Of course, September is the month when we elect our officers and teachers, but it is so important that these be selected and enlisted well in advance so as to be sure to get the right ones for the various places to be filled.

This means that August can be used in a fine way to do this part of at least beginning the enlistment of our officers and teachers for the new year that is soon to begin.

### Life at Eighty

"Life at Eighty—As I See It," is the title of Arthur Flake's latest book, which is just off the press.

Mr. Flake has been one of the greatest Sunday school workers the South has produced. He has written many books through the years on Sunday school work. Because of poor health he resigned his work with the Sunday School Board a few years ago and is making his home at Memphis, Tenn. When he reached the age of 80 last year, he began writing on the above subject.

The book is helpful and inspiring, and we predict that it will be a blessing to the many people who will read it. We trust that a great number of our Mississippians will avail themselves of the opportunity to read this helpful volume by one of the South's greatest Sunday school workers.

The book can be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss.

### INTERMEDIATE EMPHASIS WEEK

#### Promotion

Through: State paper; associational Intermediate superintendents; other key workers; Intermediate bulletin; letters and cards; personal contact; meetings; public announcements.

#### Preparation in Each Church

See that each church has a supply of the pamphlet, "1944 Intermediate Emphasis Week"; urge that a committee be appointed at once; decide on the plan to be followed (see pamphlet); set a definite goal for number of unreached Intermediates to be brought in; plan to reach parents of Intermediates; arrange to use the Intermediates as much as possible; strive to get the entire church interested in this special Intermediate Week.

#### During Intermediate Emphasis Week

Start with a great day on Sunday. Make the department and church as attractive as possible; strive for a large attendance; work to win unsaved to Christ; endeavor to get parent cooperation—visit in homes, give parents definite assignments, conduct a workers' and parents' meeting; strengthen both departments and class organization; provide adequate equipment; use the Intermediates as members of choir, ushers, and in other ways; plan separate

conferences on personal problems—one for boys and one for girls; close the week with a great Sunday when opportunity is given for Intermediates to dedicate themselves to the Lord.

### Follow-Up Challenges

Help boys and girls to find the place the Lord wants them to fill; talk to any who did not accept Christ; see that social activities started during this week are continued; ask churches to make note-books and posters of Intermediate Emphasis Week. Free leaflets on Intermediate Emphasis Week may be secured by writing the Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

### New Training Course Leaflets

Recently a few changes have been made in the Sunday school study course which will give additional credits to those who pursue these studies on into what has formerly been designated as the post-graduate course.

In line with these changes, and also in order to list all of the new books that have been published recently, a new leaflet has been put out with the very latest information along this line. These may be secured free on request to the Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

### Have You?

Have you made a recent check-up of your school, department, or class to see how it rates on the standard? Have you? If not, suppose you do that and see what information you gather.

It's a mighty fine thing to keep ourselves located with reference to these worthy and challenging goals that we have in the various standards. They are worthy of our best efforts.

We are coming near the close of this Sunday school year—September being the last month of it. Would you not like to have your school or department or class listed on our 1944 group of standards? Suppose you look into this a bit right away and see just where you are, and then have a meeting of the workers and bring to their attention the points that are below standard and then get them to commit themselves to the definite task of doing a bit of extra work toward pulling up the short points at the very earliest possible date, and then make application for standard recognition. It will not only help your work to pull up any point to a higher average, but it will also encourage your workers when this good program has been reached, and they discover that they have done work that at least measures up to standard rating. We ought not to be satisfied with anything less than this, because all the requirements are minimum. Try this and see how it works.

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Every church doing this will assure the balance of the endowment sought, \$60,477.00, and the completion of the W. T. Lowrey memorial this year with no real burden falling on the shoulders of anyone. Distributed among the 1,600 churches in Mississippi, so little will accomplish so much. Every friend of Christian education can have a part.

### SOILEAU

The Rev. E. Y. Soileau, pastor of the Catchings church in the Deer Creek Association, writes:

"Last Sunday night the church here at Catchings voted to send the amount asked of them for the Blue Mountain College endowment."

### PSALMS 11:3

"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" "Christian education is the hope of the world."

Blue Mountain College seeks to train Christian leaders—not only in religious activities, but also in the social life, in civic life, in business, in

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"Other foundation can no man lay than this is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Blue Mountain's purpose is to see that the young lives that pass through its halls are firmly planted on that foundation. Such is Blue Mountain's service to the denomination.

You may have a worthy part in it by helping to complete the endowment sought by your college at Blue Mountain.

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W. C. Wall of Morton, Miss., has been in a revival recently with Pastor Curtis McGee of Euricka church.

## MORE TESTIMONIES

By ENLISTMENT PASTOR, W. E. GREENE

A pastor friend and I were leaving a small town in South Mississippi and were busily engaged in conversation when we stopped to pick up a young man in uniform. The soldier was to ride only a few miles. We paused to ask if he were a Christian. He said that he was not, but wanted to become one. After we explained to him that it was simply asking the Lord to forgive him of his sins and become the Savior of his life, he said that he was ready for prayer. The preacher friend and I prayed publicly but he insisted on praying silently. After he had prayed we turned and asked if he were satisfied that the Lord had forgiven his sin. He said he was, and seemed to be very happy. We were eager to know if there were any instances leading to his surrender. He explained that the night before, he and his buddy had gone to their barracks and prayed that God would send some one along to tell them how to be saved. He planned to go to his Mother and tell her of his happy conversion. She had been praying for him, he thought. When he left the car he expressed to us his appreciation for our talking with him, and said he would go back and talk with his buddy. This experience was of very short time duration, in which opportunity to speak for Christ was almost passed up. In eternity we shall expect the young man and the buddy he was so anxious about, for we are persuaded that he meant business when he said he would go back.

One day we were riding North out of Wesson when we saw a Negro man. We stopped for we had dedicated all our time alone on highways. He was to stop in Wesson so we knew we would have only five or six minutes with him. I went immediately to the point and asked him if he were a Christian. He was not and seemed to resent the question, but I had learned through many experiences that the Christian had at least two allies in the sinner's heart—the Spirit of the Lord already at work, and the better judgment of the man. I did not hesitate at his resentment but pressed the question. We told him it would mean every thing to him to be saved; and it would not only mean joy and peace in this world but security in the other. But he still seemed to resent the approach, so we explained that since we had only a minute or two, would he be willing to pray. He did not but I prayed, asking the Lord to burden his heart. As soon as I finished he prayed a penitent prayer asking for forgiveness. The spirit was having His way, and the man's better judgment won out. After a few minutes he was seriously saved and happy. One-half mile from Wesson, back on the road, I asked if anything previously had prepared him for the decision. He explained that he was a gambler, and had gambled for white people in Copiah and Lincoln Counties. He was evidently the tool of a gang, and many times he had promised the Lord to quit, but because of the persistence of white people he had never been able to keep the decision. He explained that if the Lord was good enough to forgive his sins he would never gamble again. He asked for some tracts and got out of the car. When I stopped for the light, I saw in the mirror of my car the man who had a few minutes ago been a gambler, was now a witness for Christ by distributing "Going to Hell, Who Comes?"

NOTE—This is State Missions! Acts 1:8.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN 1944

The past year has been one of the most significant in the history of higher education in America. All colleges, including our Baptist schools, have been found with difficult problems calling for tact, patience, courage and hard work. But they have met the test nobly.

Despite these difficulties our Christian schools made a remarkable record last year. Our three seminaries had the largest enrollments in their history. A total of 1890 men and women were enrolled in these schools. Classrooms were crowded and teachers overworked but it was a great achievement.

In the colleges the number of students was somewhat less than in normal times. Thousands of young men who normally would be in college were in the armed services of our country, hence the enrollment of men was less than for the past few years. To offset this decrease in men there was a decided increase in the number of women in college. Most of the women's colleges had record enrollments. In the co-educational institutions this increase was a substantial help. The total enrollment of men and women in our Baptist four-year colleges and universities for last year was 12,260 as compared with 13,058 the previous year.

The quality of work done has been good. In practically every instance the same program of academic work has been pursued. Very few Baptist colleges reduced the number of teachers or curtailed the program of academic work.

A significant feature of the work in our Baptist colleges has been the establishing of some type of military program for instructing men in the army or navy. In these schools the faculties and physical plants have been used in an intensive program of training men for the war effort. In some cases this required considerable adjustment and change. In all cases it has required a tremendous burden of administrative duties. But these schools have served efficiently and with genuine patriotism. Their record is all the more significant in view of their carrying on their usual program for civilian students.

One noteworthy fact has been the large number of ministerial students and student volunteers in our Baptist colleges. A total of 1847 of these were in our four-year colleges. In all our schools of the Southern Baptist Convention there were a total of 3686 ministerial and missionary students enrolled. Surely we can expect great achievements in the future with such a group now preparing for leadership.

We are gratified to note the unmistakable evidences of renewed interest in these schools on the part of our Baptist people. In practically every state our people are beginning to realize the absolute necessity for these schools and then to give to them more of the assistance which they must have. In many states the percentage from Co-operative Program funds for these colleges has been substantially increased. Many of these schools are engaged in special campaigns for raising money for essential purposes.

The work of these schools must be expanded, undergirded and strengthened. In normal times the need for the services of these colleges is great enough. Our Baptist people have

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, WIGGINS



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, WIGGINS  
DEDICATED FREE OF DEBT

Friends in this state and adjoining states rejoiced with First Baptist Church of Wiggins as they dedicated the new \$20,000 church buildings, consisting of a main auditorium and



REV. N. J. LEE

Sunday school building, August 6. Facing a future free of debt and \$1,600 in cash and pledges, they plan to erect a recreational building and to repair and remodel the pastor's

CLERGYMAN-POLICE OFFICER  
HEADS JUVENILE AID  
BUREAU

San Antonio, Texas—(RNS)—Two ordained ministers are included in the five-man staff which composes the Juvenile Aid Bureau established by the San Antonio police department to combat delinquency among teen age boys and girls.

Head of the bureau is 55-year-old never fully realized just how essential our colleges are in American life. With the necessity of rebuilding after the war we shall need the product of our Christian colleges as never before. The only hope of building a better world lies in right kind of leadership—one trained intellectually and morally. Spiritual leadership comes only from our Christian colleges. These schools are facing strong competition. They need the united and sympathetic support of all our Baptist people.

For the Committee on Reports and Programs:

H. I. Hester, Chairman,  
William Jewell College.

(Editor's Note: The above is a suggested report on Christian education.)

home. Under the leadership of N. J. Lee, pastor for the past 12 years, they plan to make a greater effort than ever to promote the Kingdom of God in the state and on home and foreign mission fields, thereby extending the church's sphere of influence into a wider realm.

Wiggins church was organized in 1897 with less than a dozen members and has grown to a membership of 350 with 54 of that number in the service of their country. One member, Anton I. Nunnikhoven, was killed in action in France, July 7, 1944, in whose memory a touching tribute was paid in the dedicatory hour, after the pastor had made his tribute to those members in service.

Oscar L. Bond, son of the late E. W. Bond, who was the first deacon and charter member of the church, is the present chairman of the deacons; H. V. Redfield is vice chairman and J. E. Snowden, secretary. P. Lott is church treasurer; L. A. Varnado, clerk; W. C. Carpenter, Sunday school superintendent; R. J. Watts, B. T. U. director; Mrs. Obed Lott, president of W. M. S.; W. C. Carpenter, choir leader, and Mrs. M. L. Annis, pianist.

At the afternoon service attended by members of the church and members of other faiths in the community and out-of-town visitors, D. A. (Scotch) McCall, State Executive Secretary, spoke on "The Dedication of the Church Toward the Spread of the Gospel at Home and Abroad."

C. B. McCullough, an ordained Baptist clergyman, but a veteran police officer. While serving on the police force, he has acted as supply or associate pastor to churches in this vicinity.

Robert N. McClung, 21, is the bureau's sociologist. He was a Church of Christ minister at Floresville, Texas, before resigning his pastorate to enter the navy, only to be rejected because of an eye weakness.

Believing that clergymen would exemplify a more helpful spirit than regular police officers in dealing with young lawbreakers, Police Commissioner P. L. Anderson created the bureau here. Causes behind delinquency are closely checked, church relations for children are emphasized and in many instances cases are straightened out without court proceedings.

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ADDITIONAL QUOTA

Although the basic quota for chaplains in the army has been filled for some time, yet as of May 1 Southern Baptists were asked to supply 132 additional chaplains for the calendar year. The navy quota is not yet filled.

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**  
QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR TEACHER AND CLASS

(Answers on Page Fifteen)

1. Do you know the name of the man who erected a large monument in his own honor, and where it was located?
2. What do you know about the ivory brought into Palestine, and for what different purposes was it used?
3. Paul's ship came into Rhegium toward the close of his journey. His ship bore on its figurehead a sign. Have you ever heard of the coincidence of that sign?
4. Where was Jacob's well located, and why was it known by that name?

LETTER FROM INDIA RECEIVED  
BY MOTHER IN LEAKE

Mrs. Toy Sumrall, a member of the Tuscola church, has received a letter from a young man in the armed forces whom her son, James, met when in basic training.

A warm friendship between the two boys has grown through the months, and James' mother wrote her son's friend. We quote portions of the reply he sent:

"Dear Mrs. Sumrall: Truly I was glad to hear from you, and to know that there is someone back in the good old U. S. that is looking to God and praying for us boys that He may see fit to spare us and see our safe return home. Your son and I have spent many a happy day together and we have been through lots of hardships together. I have enjoyed every moment of his presence. I have learned to love him as a brother.

"You meet lots of boys in the army and there aren't many like James. You never see him out drinking, gambling, or trying to make trouble. He seems to have an interest in God, and that is the kind of a guy I like. For God is all that can carry a fellow through times like these. I have a mother back home that is praying every day for all of us boys. I thank God for the mothers that are going to God in prayer for their sons and all the boys that are so far away from home waiting the victory that we hope will soon be won. I hope James will spend his next birthday in the U. S. A. I had my 19th birthday not long ago. I spent it over here, and I hope I never have to spend another one over here. It was the most lonesome birthday I ever spent.

"My mother and dad do not live so far from you. If you wish to drop her a line she would be more than glad to get it. I know she gets lonesome with all of us children gone. My brother is in England. I have two sisters but they are both married. Only a kid brother is at home. I will send you her address: Mrs. W. D. Grimes, Rt. 2, Richton, Mississippi. "If I ever get back to the States I will drop around for a visit.—Pvt. A. D. Grimes."

—BR—  
John B. Hunter, formerly located at Venice, Fla., and also Eastman, Ga., is now serving as chaplain at Key Field, Meridian, Miss. He would appreciate hearing from friends with whom he attended B. B. I.

# Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for August 20  
A STUDY IN THE LIFE OF  
SAMUEL

I Samuel 3:19-7:17

Read it now, and make charitable allowance for the fact that the editor of these notes is away from his home and books, engaged as preacher in a great country meeting. He can not write on the subject assigned but must make a mere outline on Samuel. Read I Samuel from the first to get the whole story of the great prophet judge.

I. Birth and Early Life. I Samuel 1-2.

Consider carefully the background of this child of prayer. He was wanted by his mother at a period when there was very little vital godliness among even the religious leaders of the nation.

II. Call and Response. I Samuel 3:1-23.

In this passage we have God's call to the boy Samuel and his response. Are we here looking at an instance of God's calling a lad because there was no worthy man available? May we conclude with the Lord God Almighty that sometimes fewer men fit than His work cries for and He must therefore call and qualify young boys or good women to carry on His work through one or another agency.

III. Inauguration of Samuel.

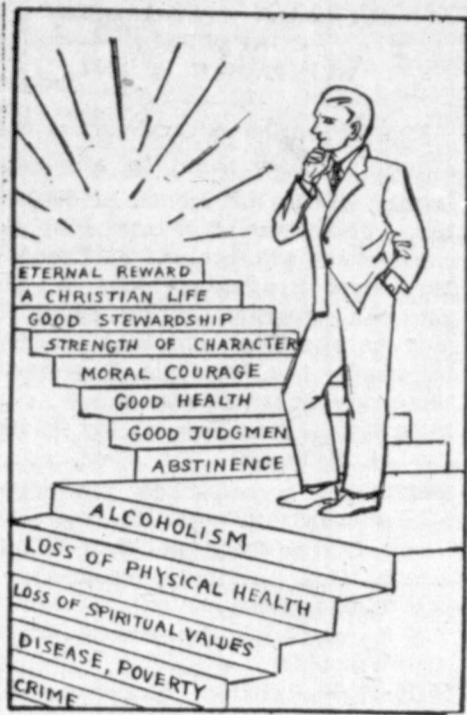
I Samuel 3:20-4:4.  
An example of divided authority. God inaugurated Samuel but the misled people did not at first honor his leadership. The people chose rather to follow the leadership of the rejected house of Eli, perhaps to lean upon their own understanding, to trust in their own strength. When disaster attended this venture, they attempted to conscript the Lord God Almighty by bringing the Ark of the Covenant into the camp, thinking doubtless, that Jehovah must come along with the Ark in conquering might. Did He? Does He?

Does He have to honor a house, an equipped and appointed place and time? Can anything claim the honor of His presence and might of His help except the dependent, reliant, obedient heart? This only assures his reviving presence in church meetings, the operation of His saving grace in evangelistic effort.

"All Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was established" (had been inaugurated) "to be a prophet of Jehovah"; but Israel did not consult Samuel: they rushed to battle in their own strength, employing their own strategy. Rout! Ruin! Death; Thus at the last always with the godless!

IV. Samuel Leads to Victory. I Samuel 7:3-12.  
Read that story and say whether it is a thriller. Samuel told the people to get right with Jehovah. They did what Samuel said and Jehovah took care of them. The enemies of His people just don't count when God makes bare His arm.

V. Sunset and Evening Star.  
Remainder of Samuel's story is of absorbing interest. I would stay your attention on chapter twelve which records his challenge to the people to say whether he had dealt with them



## HOSPITAL INSURANCE FOR PASTORS

By Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent

At the recent annual meeting of the Board of Directors of Southern Baptist Hospital, upon motion of Edgar Godbold, a layman, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved that we plead with every Baptist minister and every denominational employee to arrange for hospitalization with the most accessible Hospital Service Association for himself and dependents without delay because:

"1. Such an arrangement is best for the peace of mind of those thus protected.

"2. By this means our hospitals will get paid for service to those carrying this protection and will thereby be able to do much more charity work among the needy."

Baptist hospitals everywhere are glad to assist pastors when they are sick. However, in these days of hospitalization insurance at a nominal cost, pastors would do both themselves and the hospitals a good service by taking the protection offered by such insurance. Information will be furnished anyone desiring it.

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## FOR AN IRON LUNG

By Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent

Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans recently reported the death of a young married woman, and stated the hospital had no iron lung, which may be used in such cases. The hospital has received gifts of \$685 toward the cost of an iron lung, and needs \$1,000 more. Here is a fine opportunity for someone to render a good service in ministering to the sick.

—BR—

Wanilla church began its revival by bringing gifts for a new church building. The committee has almost \$3,900.00 on hand now. Large crowds attended the services and 16 additions reported. The visiting minister was Evangelist W. A. (Slick) Green.

unjustly.  
The sad story of Saul (9:15-11:14; 13-15) is so mixed with that of Samuel's later years as to make it impossible completely to separate them. In one place the old prophet is seen as Jehovah's stern messenger denouncing a king's selfish act of disobedience, and in the latter portion of the same scene as Jehovah's avenging angel.

## BAPTISTS AND THE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM

P. I. Lipsey

I thought of naming this article "Shall Baptists Surrender Their Birthright?" You may name it to suit yourself after you have read it. It is provoked by the general political situation now existing and by an analogous situation in religion.

People are beginning to speak their minds today in the South and they are not all of one mind. To be sure they speak it with some trepidation, looking around for snipers, and ready to dodge into a trench or foxhole at the whirl of an airplane. But it is a good sign when some dare to speak their minds, even when they do it with trembling knees. It was not always so. Even now some folks wait to hear "The Master's Voice," the clanking of the party machine.

Dr. Virginius Dabney of Virginia recently wrote in The New York Times: "The provincial outlook, which is a by-product of one-party rule, holds little appeal for persons with initiative and imagination." That's why so many young men with ambition in the South leave their homes and go North. We have lived in a land where freedom of opinion and expression are dangerous. We are shackled by fear of offending tradition and conventions.

But I am not primarily concerned about our political condition. I am concerned about the principle involved in this one-party business when it is applied to religion. The one-party idea in religion or in politics is a concomitant and ally of totalitarianism. Totalitarian governments, either political or ecclesiastical, insist upon the one-party principle and do not tolerate the existence of a multiplicity of parties or diversity in the holding or expression of opinions. We have outstanding examples of it in Germany, and have had them in Italy and Russia. In Germany the government controls all publicity and prescribes severe penalties for those who listen to radio reports from free countries.

The most perfect example of totalitarian government in religion is the Roman Catholic Church, which dominates the thinking and controls the faith of all its adherents by penalties. Witness the punishment visited upon the poor Polish priest who dared to go to Russia recently to consult Stalin, without getting consent of his ecclesiastical superiors. (And how dumb was the secular press about this incident.)

Now I am coming to the manifestation of this spirit of totalitarianism among Protestants, and some Baptists. They do not believe in the effectiveness nor efficiency of the democratic principle. They do not believe it will work; and so they propose a world organization of regimented ecclesiasticism. They believe that only by such organization as the Federal Council or the World Council of Churches can the Kingdom of God come, world problems be set and solved, and the Christian religion hold its own in a hostile world.

They propose to abandon the method of the Lord and His apostles who depended on the preaching of the Word and the working of the Holy Spirit, for a man-made machine which can bring to bear the mass effect of numbers on the world.

These people need to read again the story of Gideon and his army of 300. They need to read with en-

## MISSOURI CHAPLAIN WITH WOUNDED MEN IN ITALY

With the Fifth Army, Italy—The forward Fifth Army battalion aid station trembled with the vibration of nearby exploding artillery pieces, but no one seemed to mind. Two wounded men lay quietly on their stretchers, waiting for the mule trains that would take them down the long mountain trails, from where they would be rushed to evacuation hospitals. The room, once a house of prayer, was now full of somber shadows, projected by flickering candles.

Outside, the sky was illumined by flares and erupting shells. It was a cold night that had something of the clean tang of autumn. Chaplain Leland L. Loy, 713 Douli Place, Clifton Hall, Missouri, made his way up a ravine to the door of the church.

The men on the stretchers greeted him.

"You know, Chaplain," one of the wounded men said, as they talked quietly. "I'm an awful lucky guy. My foxhole was full of water, and I was wondering how I was going to get any sleep tonight. Then Jerry tags me in the leg and gives me a ticket to a nice dry hospital."

Everybody laughed, and the chaplain agreed that the soldier had been lucky. The other patient, with a bandaged arm, suddenly winced and asked softly how long it would take for the mule train to get there. A medic told him it would be along shortly. . . .

He looked at his Bible as the weird music of a passing shell assailed the quietude of the room. "My soul looketh for the Lord more than watchmen look for the morning; yea, more than watchmen look for the morning," he uttered quietly.

The man with the wounded leg asked the chaplain to say the Lord's Prayer. As the chaplain spoke, both men lay on their backs and listened through the din of exploding artillery.

Later the mule train arrived, and the wounded men were evacuated. The chaplain accompanied them down the long mountain trail, and they talked informally and laughed at each other's remarks. When they reached the foot of the mountain, and the patients had been placed in an ambulance and driven away, the chaplain began the lonely ascent back to the aid station. He was tired, but he wasn't thinking about that.

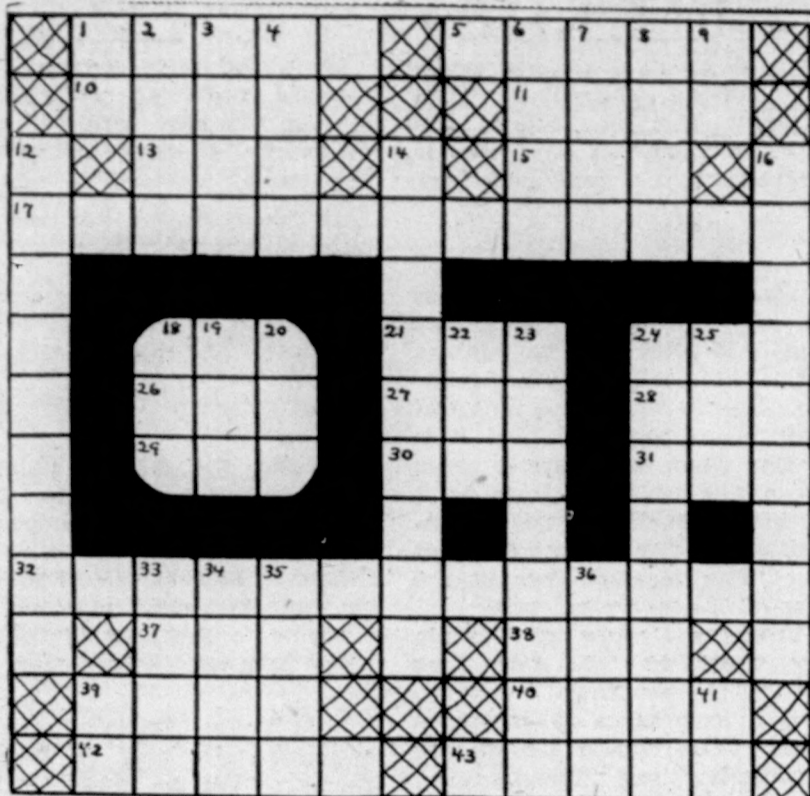
—BR—

The Merigold church had a good Vacation Bible school recently. Commencement exercises were held on Sunday evening before a large congregation.—J. W. Sturdivant, pastor.

lightened eyes the pretold story of the victorious Lamb on Mt. Zion, spoken of in the fourteenth chapter of Revelation. When all the combined and organized battalions of earth and hell threatened the world, it was the Lamb who came out victorious. The world will never be saved by worldly combinations with ecclesiastical titles. We are not going to save the world by poor imitations of the Roman Catholic Church. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty before God to the casting down of strongholds.

The totalitarian conception is a method of suppression and results in darkness, confusion, loss of initiative and corruption and decay.

## OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee."—Deut. 32:7.

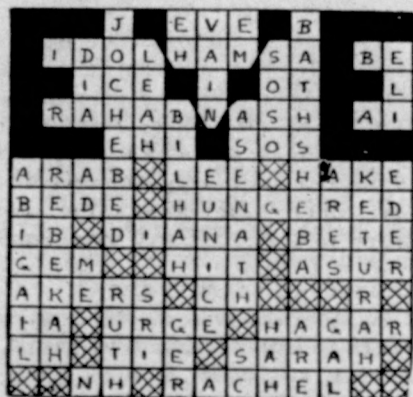
OLD TESTAMENT CHARACTERS  
ACROSS

- 1 "Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son," Acts 7:21.
- 5 The intended victim of Abraham's great sacrificial act of faith, Gen. 22; Heb. 11:17.
- 10 Grandson of Esau, Gen. 36:11.
- 11 Bird related to the ostrich.
- 13 Bantu person (sing. of Warua).
- 15 Nephew of Abraham; Luke 17:32 bids us remember his wife.
- 17 The wife of 15 across became . . . Gen. 19:26.
- 18 "extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name . . ." Ps. 68:4.
- 31 This king of Judah suffered from gout when old, 2 Chron. 16:12.
- 24 His portion was the smallest of the sons of Jacob, Josh. 19:47.
- 26 Found in the ground.
- 27 Definite article.
- 28 The first woman.
- 29 A porter of the ark, 1 Chron. 15:18.
- 30 Grandfather of Saul, 1 Chron. 8:33.
- 31 Projection on a wheel.
- 32 Old Testament book.
- 37 City of Judah, Josh. 15:32.
- 38 City of David's rulers, 2 Sam. 20:26.
- 39 Prima donna.
- 40 "... it not in Gath," 2 Sam. 1:20.
- 42 Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine . . . ?"
- 43 "So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the . . ." Neh. 8:8.

## DOWN

- 1 Volume.
- 2 This king of Israel built the city of Samaria, 1 Kings 16:23, 24.
- 3 This king of Israel said to the witch of En-dor, "Bring me up Samuel," 1 Sam. 28:11.
- 4 Relating to an epoch.
- 6 "yea, I judge not mine own . . ." I Cor. 4:3.
- 7 He wrote a book of prophecies.

## ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK



8 Negrito of the Philippines.

9 Copper.

12 One of those who sealed the covenant with Nehemiah, Neh. 10:24 Oh, he shall! (anag.).

14 "In the . . . of his folly he shall go astray," Prov. 5:23.

16 "sin offering for . . ." Ex. 29:36.

18 Patriarch for whom one of the Old Testament books was named.

19 Exist.

20 Son of Zephaniah, Zech. 6:14.

22 That woman.

23 Meteorite.

24 Numbers expressed by tens.

25 The king of Assyria brought men from this place, 2 Kings 17:24.

33 Village of Galilee where a widow's son was raised, Luke 7:11-15.

34 "My son, . . . me thine heart."

35 Son of Jerahmeel; his mother was Atarah, 1 Chron. 2:26.

36 Another son of Jerahmeel, but not Atarah's child, 1 Chron. 2:25.

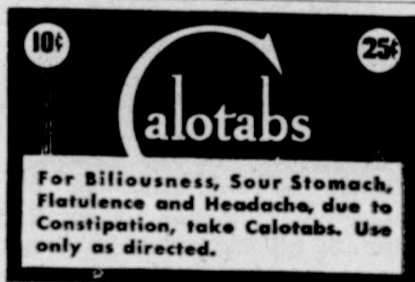
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LUCEDALE STEWARDSHIP  
CONFERENCE  
SEPTEMBER 18, 1944

Five Stewardship Conferences constitute a major event in Mississippi Baptist life in the month of September. The first of a series of five conferences will be held at Lucedale, Mississippi, September 18th. We give you the program outline that you may be thinking and making plans to attend the Lucedale Conference. The program is as follows:

10:00 a. m.—Song Service, led by Rev. M. E. Perry.

10:15-11:00 a. m.—"The Ground of Stewardship"—15 minutes each:  
1. God in Creation—B. B. Hilbun.  
2. God in Redemption—G. C. Hodge.

3. God in Providence—W. E. Winstead.

11:10-11:30—"God's Storehouse"—B. B. Hilbun.

11:30-11:35—Song.

11:35-12:45—Dr. Earle V. Pierce, Minneapolis.

## Noon

2:30-2:45 p. m.—Song Service.

2:45-3:45—Bible Study—L. E. Green.

3:45-3:50 p. m.—Prayer and Praise.

3:50-4:50 p. m.—"God Hath Led Us"—E. D. Hurst, J. Golman, F. G. Wilborn, O. A. Varnado.

7:15 p. m.—Song and Praise.

7:30-8:15 p. m.—S. P. Powell.

8:15-8:25 p. m.—Song.

8:25-9:30 p. m.—Dr. Earl V. Pierce, Minneapolis.

Everyone in and near Lucedale should attend these hours of great worship, study and fellowship together.

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Cross Roads (Webster county): We have recently closed a good Vacation Bible school with 40 pupils enrolled. A study course on "The Book We Teach" was held each night. Miss Mamie Booth conducted both the Bible school and the study course. Reporters, Elise Lewis and Mary Sue Kolb.

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR  
August

## Evangelism—

Soul Winning—Each One Win One (Speak daily to the lost).

Cooperative Program Emphasis. Now Club (Debt-Paying) Emphasis.

Vacation Bible Schools—Officers and Teachers Enlistment.

B. T. U. Associational Officers and Leaders Conferences.

Tithes and Offerings.

Daily Bible Reading.

Mississippi Baptists Will Owe No More—November first, 1944.

Sunday School—Vacation Bible Schools; Rural Training Program; Officers and Teachers Enlistment.

W. M. U.—Sunbeam Focus Week, August 6-11.

B. T. U.—Special Summer Work Continued. Associational Officers and Leaders Conferences.

## September:

## Evangelism.

W. M. U. Training School, Louisville, Ky., Opening. Officers and Teachers Election in Sunday School—Promotion Day.

B. T. U. Promotion and Reorganization.

Now Club Special Emphasis.

Cooperative Program Emphasis.

Daily Bible Reading.

Mississippi Baptists Will Owe No More—November first, 1944.

B. T. U.—Promotion and Reorganization of Unions. Fall Study Course Month. State Workers Enlargement Campaign.

Associational Mass Meetings.

W. M. U. Convention, Oklahoma City, Sept. 20-21.

D. D. Satterwhite, pastor of First church, Houston, did the preaching during the recent revival at Becker church, Monroe county. There were 31 additions to the church, 20 of whom came by baptism.

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# CHURCH MUSIC AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

## Music Teachers' Magazine Speaks

### By I. E. Reynolds

This is a very large and important subject at the present time. From the platform we hear it and from the papers both secular and religious we read it. The conditions are tragic. No one seems to have a definite remedy. It is a condition that has developed through many years heading up during these war days. This matter is summed up very well from the angle of the music contribution to delinquency in an editorial in the December, January, February number of the Music Teacher's Quarterly by Leo C. Schwartz, entitled, "Juvenile Delinquency—A Challenge" which I am quoting verbatim:

"There is a great and disturbing factor abroad in the land and it is biting deep into the spiritual foundation of the nation, and its consequences for the future leave one in grave doubt. For the past score of years, parents of American children have relaxed their discipline, and have preferred the road of indifference, believing that everything would right itself in time. But things have not turned out just right. A new age was springing up; an age that suggested stereotyped forms in habits and in the art of music. Something mechanical was taking the place of a more or less free expression in personality. Mechanization of musical thought has turned to utter lack of creative ability, an inability to recognize pure beauty from imitation of beauty. It began to the further aggravation brought on by the conditions of war, the moral fibre of these youngsters suddenly snapped. The introduction of jazz and 'swing' music was the beginning of moral decay. In our religious institutions, in our schools and in our homes, nothing was done to check the slowly creeping virus. The antics of our youth were applauded; self-styled educational and musical leaders ballyhooed the 'new' music as an American art form, and responsible magazines printed reams of tommyrot defending the course pursued by the younger generation. So now it is here: jazz, relaxed discipline, lack of artistic and spiritual judgment, sabotaged education, lower mentality—and, finally, moral corruption.

### Adults Encourage Absurd Fads

"The place of the music educator in this scheme of things is only too obvious. Any challenge to decency is a challenge to all who carry the torch of education. There must be no compromise between 'the good' and 'the bad.' If one learns the best psychological approach to modern youth, he can learn how to circumvent the desire for stultifying mediocrity. Adult encouragement of the many absurd youthful fads of the day, must be discountenanced and fought through every available channel. Demands for better and more good musical programs on the radio networks must be insistent. Given half a chance, many of those listening to an exceptionally fine musical program will respond with very little effort. Recent reports coming from army sources verify this, and give an encouraging picture of the growing preference for good music among the men in the various services.

"With organized effort, the music educator can accomplish much. He must learn that to compromise at a time like the present is not only

E. F. Haight, formerly professor at B. B. I. and pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church, Pearl River county, will move to Greenville, S. C., on August 21. Beginning Sept. 1 his address will be c/o Furman University, Greenville, S. C. He will be head of the department of religion and chaplain of the university.

An average attendance of 27 out of 30 enrolled at the Vacation Bible school has been reported by the Tocowa church. The following assisted Pastor Loyd T. Shelton in the school: Mrs. S. H. Shepherd, Mrs. Julian Dees, Mrs. Willie R. Murphy, Miss Irma Benson and Mrs. Edwin Onkst. An offering of \$3.70 was taken for the Baptist Orphanage.

dangerous, but injurious to the profession. Juvenile delinquency is a challenge to him!"

Cheap words and cheap music are not conducive to high ideals and morals in respect to the character building of individuals because such music appeals largely to the physical through its ultra-rhythmical, sensuous melody and harmonic arrangements. Someone has said that we become very largely what we habitually read. To paraphrase this statement we just as truly become what we habitually engage in and listen to musically. If this is true, and facts seem to substantiate it, I am wondering just how much some of our church music is contributing to this looseness of ideals and morals which in many cases result in juvenile delinquency. It is a well known fact that in some of our churches the music standards and ideals do not measure up to those of the preaching, teaching and training. I do not believe that God will hold our churches responsible for their musical ignorance primarily but He will hold them responsible for not trying to improve the conditions. In line with the editorial I am sure that all students of hymnology will agree that the music in the average church has retrograded since the introduction of the unwholesome music forms (rag-time, jazz, and swing) into our churches. Not all of it is cheap but as a class its character is not conducive to worship and a spiritual atmosphere and often results in lowering the service to the level of entertainment and shallow sentimentality.

To summarize: 1. Music has a great influence for good or bad in both secular and Christian activity. Often the music one plays or sings is indicative of the life he lives—"Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." And just so, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth singeth." 2. Young people especially are susceptible physically and emotionally to the music which they sing or play. 3. We should stand only for music that has a wholesome influence in every phase of Christian activity.

The purpose of this paper is to call to the attention of those who are in places of responsibility of Christian activity including regular church worship, evangelism, missions, religious education, and music, the urgent need of giving serious and prayerful consideration to the music programs, striving to make them conducive to the highest things in spiritual development and character building.—Southwestern Theological Seminary.

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## WHAT'S IN A SERVICEMAN'S POCKET?

Chaplain Lonnie W. Meachum, USNR, confirms this statement of Chaplain Wicher from his observations at a marine padre's battle station in the Pacific. The chaplain, who was formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia, has remained at his post through the campaigns, meeting the ambulances as they came in, washing the mud-caked eyes and lips of the wounded on the operating tables, accompanying the amphibious tractors that brought the wounded and dead out of the jungles, and seeing with other chaplains that every slain man was given Christian burial. Of his part in the final rites he expresses what is perhaps the hardest ordeal of the chaplain. He says: "It is painful to have a part in the growth even of a small cemetery that spreads itself out almost over night." His feelings are not unlike that of another chaplain who said that at every burial he could not but feel that he was laying away also with the soldier the hearts of others who were yet to receive the sad tidings.

As the wounded were prepared for the operating table their personal effects were given to a chaplain. These he carefully tabulated for return to the patient when sufficiently recovered to receive them. He says: "These articles consisted mostly of water-soaked New Testaments, prayer books, pictures of wives, parents and girl friends." Later upon entering the ward tents the chaplain states that "immediately these brave lads would call for a dry New Testament or a prayer book." These bearers of the Word of Life constitute the most numerous and far-reaching band of colporteurs the world has ever seen.

Our chaplains are keeping before the eyes of those who will return from the battlefields to direct the destiny of America, the same religious principles upon which the Republic was founded, and upon which our national greatness has been achieved. Whenever in postwar days our nation will appear at its best, no small share of credit will be due the chaplains who once held aloft these spiritual ideals before multitudes of our citizens during the trying times when they were soldiers and sailors.

Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, principal of the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville, Ky., is now Dr. Littlejohn, we understand. She recently received the degree of LL.D. from Georgetown University, Georgetown, Kentucky.

## Answers To Know Your Bible

(Feature On Page Twelve)

1. (Name of man and his monument): Absalom erected a large monument (or pillar) in his own honor. Its location was said to be in the valley of Hinnom, which is close to Jerusalem. It was also known as "the king's dale."

2. (Ivory, and some of its uses): Ivory was literally, "elephant's tooth," and it was brought into Palestine as a part of the cargo by the "navy of Tharshish" (I Kings 10:22). It was used in making furniture, thrones, etc.

3. (Figurehead sign on Paul's ship): The coincidence of the sign was the same as that on Paul's ship, since the coinage, or money of the twin brothers, Castor and Pollux. This same insignia appeared on the figurehead of the Alexandrian boat in which Paul traveled.

4. (Location of Jacob's well): It was situated at the eastern mouth of the valley between Mount Ebal on the north and Mount Gerizim on the south, about two miles from Shechem or Sychar. The name "Jacob's well" was so-called because it was near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph, and Jacob drank thereof, and his sons, and his cattle.

## METHODISTS 'BACK UP' CHAPLAIN WHO RESIGNED NAVY POST

Minneapolis, Minn. — (RNS) — The North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the Methodist Church here voted almost unanimously to "back up" an Indiana Methodist minister who, while training for the naval chaplaincy, reportedly was "requested" to resign his commission because he "indicated he would refuse to be a party to serving beer in the navy."

Thomas M. McDonald, a Princeton, Ind., attorney, declared that the Rev. N. G. Talbott resigned by request from a naval board of examiners after he was asked several hypothetical questions in which his willingness to arrange for the serving of beer and to lecture on the use of prophylactics was being ascertained.

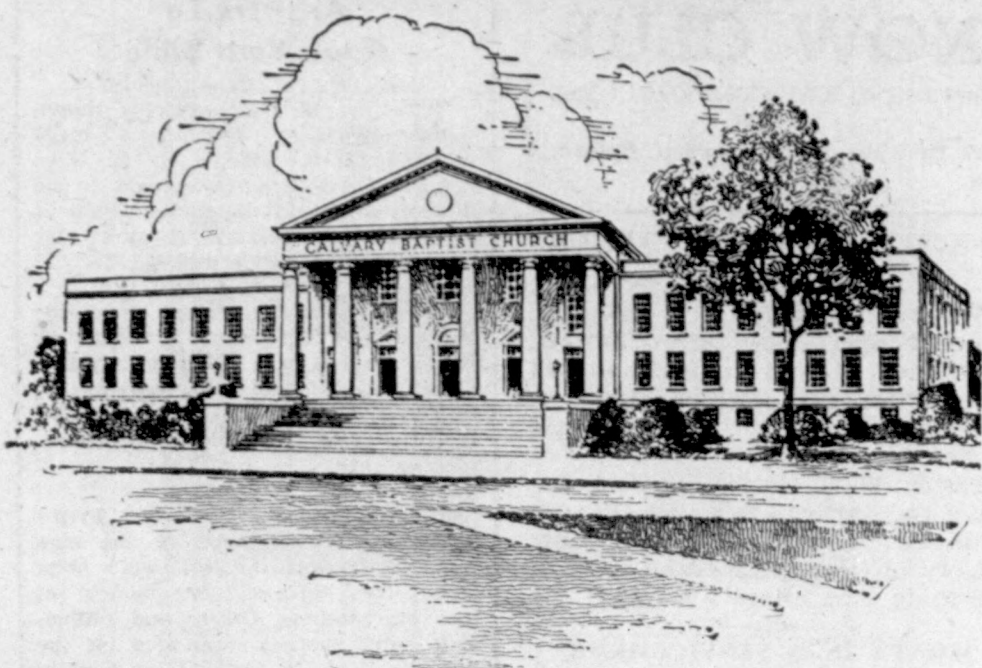
(Mr. Talbott's charges have been denied by Chief of Navy Chaplains Robert D. Workman.)

Mr. McDonald's presentation of the case drew loud applause and led to adoption of the following resolution:

"We respectfully request the Council of Bishops and the Methodist Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains vigorously to represent our position to the President of the United States and the secretaries of the army and navy to the effect that an official order should be issued prohibiting any commanding officer from ordering, requesting, or suggesting that any chaplain perform any secular duty which would impose upon such chaplain the duty of arranging for the provision, or dispensing of beer or other intoxicating liquors to the officers or men in the army and navy, or which would involve him in any way therewith, or impose upon him any other duty contrary to the standards and teachings of his church."

Anybody that knows the present address of Rev. Lawrence Aultman, last heard from in Texas, write J. J. Eley, Rt. 1, Learned, Miss.

## CALVARY CHURCH, JACKSON

CALVARY CHURCH, JACKSON  
DEDICATED

A very impressive thanksgiving and memorial service was held in Calvary Baptist Church Sunday, August 6th, at which time the building was formally dedicated, following the final clearance of all debt against the church.

The morning worship service was practically a duplication of the first service held in the present building March 10, 1929. The service began with Mrs. J. V. Posey playing "Consolation," by Liszt. Following the call to worship and invocation, Dr. Bowen pointed out that while former pastors of the church had gone to Glory, widows of all were living with the exception of one, Mrs. J. N. McMillin, who passed away in April of this year. The widow of Dr. M. O. Patterson, who served in 1909 and 1910, attended the service. Dr. Bowen read a letter from Mrs. W. P. Price, wife of Dr. W. P. Price, who organized the church in 1901, expressing her regrets that she could not be present. Mrs. King, wife of the late Dr. H. M. King, had one of the leading parts in the dedicatory service.

Special mention was made of the members of the committees for planning and building the present building.

Officers and workers in the church at the time of the start of the work and present for the dedication were: B. E. Jacobs, chairman, Board of Deacons; Mrs. P. B. Bridges, president, W. M. U.; Fred Hurst, superintendent of the Sunday school; Mrs. Ray Dykes, director of the Training Union; Mrs. J. R. Sandefur, director of music; Mrs. J. V. Posey, pianist; Miss Fannie Traylor, first pastor's associate for Calvary church. Mrs. Joy King Dykes and Carolyn King were introduced, as were Mrs. Claud B. Bowen and Davis Bowen.

Church members who had joined under the various pastors were asked to rise as names of the pastors were called by Dr. Bowen.

The congregation adopted unanimously a resolution presented by Dr. Bowen, thanking God for "the life and Christian leadership" of Dr. King, and honoring his memory.

## Resolutions

WHEREAS, Calvary Baptist Church, through the providence of God has recently become free of debt, and now owns a church plant valued at about four hundred thousand dollars, and

WHEREAS, as we celebrate this ac-

complishment, we are reminded of the long and faithful service of our former beloved pastor, Dr. H. M. King; how he taught us the Bible plan of financing a church by tithes and sacrificial offerings. How he admonished us that "it is more blessed to give than receive." How he so often prayed before the church offering was taken, "If there is one present who has nothing to give, may a double portion of thy love rest upon him or her," and

WHEREAS, Dr. H. M. King led us in our building program from its inception to the completion of the building, serving as ex officio member of all committees, giving his time and energy to the undertaking, and

WHEREAS, we are not unmindful of the fact that the genuine Christian life and charming personality of Dr. H. M. King as he went about doing good, in the sick room, at home, and in hospitals, in death chambers, at funerals, in broken homes, or wherever there was trouble or distress, and how by such service to humanity he influenced many people to make donations to our building program, many of such gifts coming from members of other churches and other faiths, and

WHEREAS, we recognize our debt of gratitude to him and his memory for his matchless Christian leadership in the growth of our church, and especially in our building program,

NOW, THEREFORE: be it resolved by Calvary Baptist Church, in its regular Sunday morning service of August 6, 1944, assembled, that:

1. We do hereby give thanks to God for the life and Christian leadership of Dr. H. M. King as our former pastor.

2. That we give credit where credit is due, and honor the memory of Dr. H. M. King at this time.

3. That one copy of these resolutions be furnished Mrs. Ethel Verne King, the beloved widow of Dr. King, one copy spread upon the minutes of this church, one copy given to The Baptist Record and each of the Jackson daily papers for publication.

In addition to the above resolutions, at the suggestion of the pastor, the church voted to dedicate the baptistry, when reworked, to the memory of Dr. King, with suitable bronze plate placed thereon.

One of the highlights of the morning service came when Mrs. King, widow of the beloved former pastor, stepped to the altar to touch a candle to the last church bond, typifying the climax of the church's long debt-paying campaign. As the flame consumed the final corner of the bond, and the ashes dropped into a glass tray, the audience stood and sang The Doxology. Deacon B. E. Jacobs led the dedicatory prayer. (Approximately forty people gathered at the thanksgiving, at which time the



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cemetery in the afternoon for a brief service and prayer of dedication and ashes of the bond were placed on the grave of Dr. King.)

The morning worship service was climaxed by the dedicatory sermon delivered by Dr. E. P. Burroughs, of Gainesville, Georgia, who was chairman of the Baptist building committee of the South at the time the present church was erected. In introducing the speaker, Dr. Bowen stated that Dr. Burroughs had been present and preached at the first service held in the present building March 10, 1929, and also added, "Dr. Burroughs had more to do with building this church than anyone outside the membership.

Dr. Burroughs took as his text Psalm 65:2, "O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come." In his opening words he declared, "I share with you the happiness, deep and abiding, and abundant which you feel in his hour. I knew that this time would come," he added, "but I did not expect it to come so soon." He praised Dr. King and the committees who had done such an excellent job. He then commended Dr. Bowen for the marvelous work he has done in leading the people of Calvary, particularly in missions and evangelism. He pointed out that during Dr. Bowen's four years in Calvary 1311 members have been received into the church, which amounts to an average of six new members every week, and more than two hundred and twenty-six thousand dollars has passed through the church. "This," he said, "is a record unsurpassed for a city the size of Jackson."

He brought out the seven superlatives that should be incorporated in every church, namely, Prayer, All Flesh, Triumph of God, Evangelism and Missions, Accessibility of God.

At the evening service the following members who had an active part in the planning and erection of the building spoke briefly regarding the history and building of Calvary: Mrs. Rhoda Enochs, and Mrs. J. P. Farrell, only living charter members; Mrs. J. K. Graves, I. S. Barnes, C. L. Graves, B. B. McClendon and Mrs. P. B. Bridges.

Then Dr. Bowen read the names of the deacons who have passed on and Mrs. S. L. Webb led in prayer.

At the evening service Dr. Bowen read from the 17th chapter of John, calling particular attention to the 17th verse. He spoke briefly on the subject, "I Dedicate Myself," and made an appeal for consecration and

church membership. Thirteen people were baptized at the close of the service.

## History of Calvary Baptist Church

The Second Baptist Church was organized by Dr. W. P. Price, and the first building was finished March 3, 1901. The Sunday school met on March 3, with an enrollment of 27. On the second Sunday in June, 1901, the church was formally organized at the close of the morning service with 49 present.

In 1905 the congregation had already outgrown the little frame building. Dr. Price again set himself to the heroic task, and in 1906 the brick building, located at the corner of Capitol and Lemon streets, was dedicated. In 1908 Dr. Price responded to another call, 1909-11 Dr. M. O. Patterson was pastor. Mississippi College claimed him for their Bible Department, and for the next eight months Dr. J. N. McMillin was pastor. Dr. H. M. King was called to the field from Chattanooga, Tenn., and preached his first sermon March 24, 1912. On that day there was a Sunday school enrollment of 93 and a church membership of 324. During his pastorate of 28 years the Sunday school grew to an enrollment of 1765, and the church membership grew to approximately 2300 members.

In 1926 the name "Second Baptist Church" was changed to CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

As the city grew, so did Calvary Baptist Church, until in the spring of 1928 work was begun on the lot purchased on Battle Hill subdivision, facing West Capitol street. The building was completed and dedicated on March 10, 1929. The last dollar was paid on the debt July 3, 1944. The estimated value of the building and property is \$400,000, and covers a city block.

Dr. Claud B. Bowen was called to Calvary as pastor from the First Baptist Church, Opelika, Alabama, and preached his first sermon August 4, 1940. Since that time 1311 members have been received into the church, and \$226,452.07 has been received through regular offerings. The membership of Calvary church at the present time is 3552, which number includes 544 out of town and unlocatable. The present Sunday school enrollment is 1759; Training Union 356.

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## IN MEMORY OF H. L. AULTMAN

On January 7 as the sun was coming over the eastern hills, all that was mortal of H. L. Aultman went to the parts unknown. No greater father ever lived. He was a Christian example for all to follow. His speech was as clean as anyone ever had. He never used language that could not be used in the presence of ladies. He never spoke of the faults and failures of his neighbors to his children. Always he stood for the right, treated his fellowmen as he wanted to be treated.

The most important things in life he put first. He attended Sunday school and church regularly as long as health would permit. God and His cause came first in his life.

He was a charter member of Oral church, a deacon for 50 years. Many men of God were entertained in his home by him and his Christian wife.

He was an invalid for more than three years but God was kind. He never suffered nor complained. It looked as if he were waiting for the Lord to come for him. He was 82 years and eight months of age, and had been a Christian since he was a young man. His presence is missed in the church.

He is survived by his wife, one son and four daughters: Rev. L. T. Aultman, pastor of Englewood Heights church, Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs. M. T. Clearman, Mrs. O. N. McElveen, Mrs. C. L. Smith and Mrs. W. B. Foster.

Pallbearers were grandsons of the deceased: B. L. Clearman, W. H. Clearman, B. T. Clearman, Zach Foster, William Cole, William Green and Bruce Aultman.